



MP welcomes funding to celebrate town's heritage

GLASS MUSEUM £2m CASH BOOST

Report by Andy Turton

AN MP has welcomed a major funding boost to secure a new museum celebrating Stourbridge's glass making heritage.

The British Glass Foundation has secured £2.1m to help transform the former Stuart Crystal site, opposite the Red House Glass Cone in Wordsley near Stourbridge.

It will become home to a new Museum of Glass at the heart of Stourbridge's Glass Quarter.

Work to renovate the old glassworks is already under way by developer Complex Development Projects Ltd and as well as the museum, there will be a stylish apartment block and offices.

The £2.1m funding grant has come from the European Regional Development Fund - ERDF - and means all the cash for the £5m attraction is now in place.

Stourbridge MP Margot James said: "I would like to congratulate the British Glass Foundation on their tireless work to secure this vital ERDF money for the new Museum of Glass."

"I am certain that the renowned collection which will be held on the site will draw in thousands of glass enthusiasts, and will be very beneficial for the local economy."

Grateful

"The new museum building will also serve as a fitting tribute to our local glass making tradition, which dates back 400 years."

Heritage bosses earlier welcomed the funding boost towards the £5m project.

Graham Knowles, chairman of the British Glass Foundation, said: "The BGF's trustees are extremely grateful to Margot James for attending various meetings with us and for her invaluable support over the last couple of years."

"There is no doubt this helped us to secure ERDF funding for the new visitor attraction at the White House Cone site which will also bring significant European funding into Dudley. Margot's commitment during this period went above and beyond what we could have expected from her."

The new museum which will be at the heart of the area's glassmaking heritage will be a 'beacon of excellence', trustee Graham Fisher said.

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, cabinet member for planning and economic development, added: "We are delighted to have received the offer of European funding as without this, the new museum project would not have happened."

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£9,000 YOUTH SHELTER IS INSTALLED AT PARK



From left, Friends of the park group members Arwyn Thomas, Councillor Colin Elcock, and Clare and Alan Hopwood in the shelter

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Mr Hopwood praised the efforts of the group and said a lot of hard work had gone into securing the new features.

He said as well as the group putting up some of the cost towards the new youth shelter, funding had also come from the Mary Stevens Trust and the Margaret Westwood Trust.

The group will hold its AGM this Saturday, August 22 and Mr Hopwood added all were welcome to attend.

People can also find out more about being part of the park group's committee.

The meeting will be held at Alderman Tye Scouts Club on South Road, Stourbridge from 10.30am.

WRANGLE

Mosque row rumbles on as offer rejected

A PROPOSED cash deal for a new Dudley mosque has been rejected by the council.

Dudley Muslim Association (DMA) had made a £325,000 offer to bring an end to the dispute over plans for a replacement mosque. It was unanimously rejected by the council's cabinet.

It means the long-running saga will rumble on with the two sides now set to return to the High Court in October.

An action group of councillors and mosque leaders could be formed to look at sites other than that proposed off Hall Street.

TRAGEDY

Quad biker dies days after fall

A MAN who suffered serious head injuries after falling from a quad bike died three days after the accident.

Ricky Hudson fell while riding along Quinton Road West, in Quinton, near Halesowen, last Tuesday, August 11, at around 6.50pm.

The 41-year-old father-of-three, from the Quinton area, was taken to Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, but died on Friday morning.

The 'devoted' father had supported his wife through cancer treatment.

ROBBERY

Knifeman in petrol station cash haul

AN armed robber brandishing a knife made off with a haul of cash after forcing open the till at a petrol station.

The man, described as Asian and around 5ft 6in tall, wearing a zip up hoodie, walked into the Shell petrol station in Bretell Lane, Brierley Hill just before 8.30pm last Thursday and pulled out a knife.

Staff saw him approaching and hid in a nearby room as he jumped the counter, forced the till open and stole cash.

Police have launched a CCTV appeal to try to track down the suspect.

Anyone with any information is urged to call West Midlands Police on 101.

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Curtain up on theatre group's season



Members John Lucock, Mary O'Toole, Robert Gotch and Karen Whittingham

MEMBERS of Dudley Little Theatre are gearing up for their 69th annual season with a performance of Arthur Miller's classic drama All My Sons. All My Sons is the story of a family living in post-Second World War United States, struggling to come to terms with deeds they may have committed during the conflict.

The play is being staged in Netherton Arts Centre from September 9 to 12.

Christine Ridgeway, press and publicity officer, said: "It is a powerful family drama and dealing with

the aftermath of greed and guilt. It's good acting and there's some really good folks in it.

"It's got a very experienced director and it is real value for money and in the lovely old Victorian theatre with delightful facilities. There's all the trappings of going to the theatre for a very low cost."

Tickets are priced at £8 and £7 for concessions.

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As part of the new season, the the-

atre company will also be performing Treasure Island. The adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's adventure by Phil Wilmott will be presented from December 2 to 5.

The programme continues in the new year with Bouncers and Cocktails by John Godber and Jane Thornton from March 9 to 12 and finishes with Boeing Boeing by Marc Camoletti from May 11 to 14.

The group is on the lookout for new members to act and help behind the scenes. Call Rebecca for more details.

Action demanded over hospital parking fees

POLITICIANS have called for Government intervention after it was revealed hospitals in the region charge up to six times more for an hour's parking than at their nearest public car parks.

Visitors have to fork out up to £2.60 for short stay parking at their local hospital – but are charged as little as 40p for a council car park.

Sandwell Hospital and Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital currently charge the most for an hour's parking at £2.60, while council car parks across Sandwell charge just 40p for an hour.

In Dudley, motorists can pay just 60p for an hour at a council car parks. Rates at Russells Hall Hospital were recently increased, with an hour's parking rising from £2 by another 60p.

Charges are slightly lower at Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital, where visitors pay £2.30 for an hour. City centre council-owned car parks charge as little as 60p for the same amount of time, though bosses at New Cross pointed out that their long-stay prices are cheaper than many city centre car parks.

Private

In Walsall, the Manor Hospital charges £2 for an hour. People parking on council car parks in the town must pay for up to two hours, which costs either £1 or £1.10.

Private car parking firm NCP allows motorists to park in Church Street, Wolverhampton, for an hour for just 50p.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin said he would call on the Government to take action, while Councillor Bill Etheridge, who famously quit his role as a hospital governor over the issue, branded the price hike 'utterly disgusting'.

He said the charges 'go against the principles' on which the NHS was founded.

The Royal Wolverhampton Trust, which runs New Cross, said tariffs were compared with other hospitals each year and that the 'charges reflect this comparison'.

Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust said its rates were 'comparable to trusts in the local area' and offers weekly concessionary passes. The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, which runs Russells Hall, declined to comment.

Spooky puppet a YouTube hit



Paranormal Investigator Jayne Harris, from Stourbridge with one of her dolls called Peggy

A SPOOKY puppet has been filmed apparently moving in a cabinet – and has become an internet hit.

The creepy marionette been captured on film moving inside a sealed cabinet in the dead of night and has attracted more than 14,000 likes on YouTube.

Paranormal investigator, Jayne Harris, 32, of Stourbridge, stored it inside a glass container and recorded it every night for three months – after its previous owner claimed it tried to choke him to

death. Last month her cameras caught the chilling moment that the wooden doll appears to come to life.

Night vision footage shows the puppet's operating cross slowly moving upright before crashing into one of the sealed box's glass panes.

Jayne, who specialises in investigations of haunted dolls, said: "I've never had anything as exciting as this. I've caught pictures of mists, orbs and shadows but nothing as

physical as this video evidence. Normally you expect to see an orb or a shadow, but as soon as I saw a bit of movement and a glint from the metal hooks it made me jump and I knew we'd recorded something important.

"Our ultimate goal is to find out as much as we can about the spirit and then try to understand why he is still here," she added.

Jayne has been investigating spiritual attachment to haunted puppets for 17 years.

Park enjoys £9k spend on benches and shelter

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Apartments bid at pub withdrawn

A PROPOSAL to transform a derelict pub appears to have fallen through after plans to convert it into five apartments were withdrawn.

Dudley Estates Ltd had submitted plans to takeover the New Hop and Barleycorn in Mason Street.

The firm had requested a change of use for the building to allow it to be converted into living space.

A design and access statement that was submitted with the plans said the change would enhance the building which has been targeted by vandals since closing two years ago.

However, the plans have now been withdrawn before they were due to come before Dudley Council.

Assault victim has cheekbone broken

A MAN sustained a fractured cheekbone following an assault in Coopers Lane, Stourport.

The victim is believed to have had a disagreement with the suspect, a 36-year-old man, in a nearby pub prior to the attack between 3.30pm and 3.40pm on Monday, August 10.

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Cheekbone broken by husband in row at pub

A MAN fractured his wife's cheekbone after hitting and pushing her to the ground during a pub row.

Lee Prescott lashed out at his wife Jemma after the argument broke out at The Lawnswood pub, Wordsley, during the early hours of March 2.

Prescott, 48, of Hill Morton Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield, was seen to strike her in the face before pushing her to the ground.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard she had fallen to the ground following the push and hit her head.

Mr Patrick Sullivan, prosecuting, said: "She remonstrated with her husband before leaving the pub.

"She was seen by a passer-by, who knew her, and saw that she was in distress."

Mr Sullivan said Mrs Prescott had suffered brushing over her left eye, blood in the same eye and a minimally displaced cheekbone fracture. She was treated at Russell's Hall Hospital and has since made a full recovery.

Prescott pleaded guilty to a charge of grievous bodily harm and, at the crown court last week, he was given a 10-month prison sentence suspended for two years and ordered to pay his wife £500 compensation.

Prescott also has to pay the prosecution costs of £320 and a £100 victim surcharge.

The court was told Mrs Prescott had not pursued a prosecution and it looked like they would reconcile.

Mr Simon Hanns, defending, said his client was 'remorseful and thoroughly ashamed' of his actions.

Business rates scam warning

TRADERS are being warned over a business rates scam after a Dudley firm fell victim.

In exchange for a fee of more than £1,000, the company was led to believe it would have its business rates reduced on appeal. Instead the bogus service merely lodged the necessary paperwork with the valuation office – something which can be done for free.

Dudley Council said the fees paid could outweigh any benefit gained and rates may also be increased.

The bogus firms particularly target small businesses which are advised to ask anyone offering the service for contact details of past clients.

Councillor Rachel Harris said: "Our advice is to say no to firms who cold call offering a rating appeal service."

Lookalike cruises along to movie

A TOM Cruise lookalike will appear at a screening of Top Gun at intu Merry Hill tomorrow night.

The drive-in movie at the Brierley Hill complex starts at 9.30pm. Ticket sale proceeds go to Promise Dreams.



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Fizzogs on the Fringe of stardom



Dancing grannies fly the flag

DANCING grannies the Fizzogs have taken the Edinburgh Fringe Festival by storm with a series of acclaimed performances.

Audiences flocked to The Space venue to watch the Dudley comedy group stage a 45-minute extract from their Fifty Shades of Fizzog show.

Members also performed their routine, which has become an internet sensation, on the streets of the Scottish capital and proudly flew the Black Country flag. All their shows

were near sell-outs and have been received with standing ovations.

As a result, Sue Hawkins, Deb Nicholls, Jacky Fellows and James Collins gained an army of new fans.

Stephanie Bowers, from Cumbria, said: "They are so clever. Their humour is mischievous but in a way they remind you of the things you want to forget about yourself."

Mary Bevan, from South Wales, added: "The Fizzogs were recommended to us by some friends in

Wolverhampton and we were not disappointed."

Reviews have also been strong with the website Chortle saying the performance was a highlight. Fringe website Broadway Baby said: "This year's breakthrough sketch show is not just another bunch of students. This year it is the turn of the Fizzogs."

They perform the full version of "Fifty Shades of Fizzog" at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre on September 3.

We did it! Students make A-level grades

THERE were jubilant scenes across Dudley as students celebrated A-level success.

Two years of hard work paid off, with a number of schools and colleges recording their best ever results.

The overall pass rate across the West Midlands rose by 0.3 per cent this year to 98.1 per cent.

Ellowes Hall Sports College in Lower Gornal posted record breaking results, with students recording the school's highest ever average points score and more than 50 per cent of entries at A2 or equivalent being awarded grades A* or A.

Headteacher Alan Jasper said: "We wish to congratulate all our sixth form students on their outstanding results this summer."

At Dudley College the pass rate increased for the third year in a row, while at Bishop Milner Catholic College, 48 per cent of results were at A*-B grades and 75 per cent came in at A*-C, while the ACE Academy in Tipton saw a 100 per cent A-Level pass rate.

Elsewhere, Barr Beacon School is celebrating the school's best ever results with so many A*s that Executive Headteacher Dame Maureen Brennan has described them as 'stellar'.

Quarter

It was a similar story at George Salter Academy in West Bromwich, with 78 per cent of students achieving three or more A*-C grades.

Sandwell College's Central Sixth students secured a 100 per cent pass rate in 20 different subjects, and a 99 per cent pass rate overall. Dudley Sixth Form saw an improvement on last year's results with a 98.3 per cent pass rate. Principal Lowell Williams said: "It's a good news story all round for our A-level students."

Halesowen College celebrated a 99 per cent pass rate at A-level.

At Wolverhampton Grammar School, a quarter of students got a clean sheet of A* and A grades, while 72 per cent of all A level passes were at grades A-B. At The Royal School Wolverhampton, one in five A-levels were graded at either A or A*, while half of all maths results were A-B.

St Edmund's Catholic Academy in Wolverhampton saw 100 per cent of students achieve A-levels and 20 per cent of the grades achieved were at A* or A.

At Tettenhall College more than half of all students gained A*-C grades, while a quarter of pupils achieved the top A* or A grades. The overall pass rate was 92 per cent.

Wolverhampton Girls' High School saw 49 per cent awarded either A* or A, while 41 girls achieved three or more A* or A grades.



Students celebrate their A-level results at Ace Academy in Tipton



Codey Hayfield with her top results



Getting their results are Lucy Edwards and Joely Wade

Record number off to universities

A RECORD number of students are heading to university this year despite a narrow drop in the number of top A-level grades nationwide, official figures show.

The number of boys and girls awarded the coveted A* and A grades dipped to 25.9 per cent, down 0.1 per cent on last year. But the overall pass rate has risen to 98.1 per cent. University admissions service Ucas said 409,410

people had already been accepted on to higher education courses in the UK, up three per cent on last year.

Official figures also suggest that students have tried to increase their chances of gaining entry to top universities by taking more traditional subjects such as maths, science, modern languages and English literature. Schools minister Nick Gibb claimed the rise

in students taking facilitating subjects is 'clear proof' that the Government's introduction of the English Baccalaureate performance measure at GCSE has encouraged more people to continue studying core academic subjects.

The EBac recognises students who achieve at least a C at GCSE in English, maths, two sciences, history or geography and a language.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Drivers clocked over speed limit

DRIVERS have been clocked speeding along a road in Wordsley.

In just an hour, 11 drivers were caught breaking the 30mph limit along Rangeways Road near High Acres pub. The highest speed was 44mph. Members of the speed watch group clocked the drivers between 7-8pm.

Councillor Derrick Hemingsley said: "I am determined with Wordsley Speed Watch we will make a difference for the safety of all in Wordsley."

To work with Wordsley Speed Watch, call 07771 977746.

Robbery attempt on boy aged 16

A 16-YEAR-old boy was attacked by two men attempting to steal his phone just metres from a popular marina.

The men, both aged between 17 and 19, approached the boy from behind as he walked in Lodge Road near Stourport basin at around 1am on August 16. They demanded his phone, but the boy managed to get away.

The first man was white, around 5ft 7in tall and wore a black hooded top and dark tracksuit bottoms. The second man was also white, around 5ft 9in tall and was wearing a dark hooded top and dark jogging bottoms.

Bus drivers help baby care unit

BUS drivers have raised more than £600 to help fund vital supplies and equipment for babies that require specialist care.

A team from National Express West Midlands' garage in Pensnett donated the cash to Russells Hall Hospital.

Bus driver Dave Gerrard organised a charity football match between his garage and West Midlands Police for the hospital's neonatal unit, raising £330, match-funded by the National Express Employee Charity Panel.

Man squirted with 'harmful' substance

A MAN was left with sore eyes and runny nose after a potentially harmful liquid was squirted through a letterbox of a home in Tipton.

Residents living in flats in High Street, Princes End, were told to keep windows and doors closed following the incident last Thursday just after 10.30am.

Police said the victim quickly recovered and did not need to go to hospital. The scene was later declared safe. Witnesses are asked to call 101.

Lupus support drop-in

DETAILS of the latest meeting of the West Midlands Lupus Group have been announced. The group are hosting a drop-in session at Russells Hall Hospital, in Dudley, tonight (Thursday). It takes place in room 12 in the Clinical Education Centre, by Action Heart, from 2-4pm.



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IN the United States (where else?) lawyers acting for comedians and comedy writers are threatening to claim damages against people who nick jokes from Twitter and other sources and then recycle them as their own. But is there any such thing as a genuinely original joke? According to showbiz legend there are only seven basic jokes; all the others are merely variations. (To which the tried, trusted and essentially British response is: I'm expecting a number two today).

MEANWHILE, as the Edinburgh Festival and Fringe is under way, and dozens of new comedians have nightmares about how their audiences may or may not react, they should take comfort and remember that being a comedian is the easiest of all jobs because, if it goes horribly wrong, at least no-one will laugh at you.

THE death is announced, at the age of 101, of Frances Kelsey. Her claim to fame is that in 1960, working for the US Food and Drugs Administration (FDA), she was asked to review an application from a US company to make under licence a sedative invented in Germany. Kelsey was not convinced it was safe. The company put pressure on FDA officials who in turn put Kelsey under pressure. She would not give in, even when the company threatened to sue the FDA for libel. And then, as she had feared, reports began coming from Europe of children born with terrible defects. The new drug was called Thalidomide and Frances Kelsey was the woman who saved America from the agony and anguish which this drug created in the rest of the world.



ALL eyes are on Benedict Cumberbatch playing Hamlet at the Barbican in London. The play's most famous line is "To be or not to be..." But there is another great line. Polonius says: "This above all: to thine own self be true." The line has been discussed for 400 years and is usually presented as a trite or meaningless tip from a bit of an old duffer. And yet it contains a gem of truth. If you believe something to be wrong, don't let anyone browbeat you into thinking it's right. Frances Kelsey was true to herself, and millions of Americans bless her name.

ANYBODY else puzzled by the use of the term "bail out" to describe the EU supporting the Greek economy? You bail out when a boat is sinking; the aim to remove as much water as possible. In the Greek crisis, the EU is trying to pour as much money as necessary into the Greek treasury. It's not so much a bail-out as a bail-in.

TAUTOLOGY corner. I referred recently to "generations who could do mental arithmetic in their head." As a number of you have pointed out, where else would they do it?

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Bricks nicked from side of home

BRAZEN thieves have stolen more than 200 bricks from a footpath at a Quarry Bank home.

Homeowner Gary Brookes, aged 53, discovered the theft as he put out his bins.

The 'Brick Nicker' ripped up more than 200 historic bricks from the footpath at the side of his property, off New Street.

"The whole thing has been bi-

zarre," he said. "It is the cheek of it really - I couldn't believe it." Just fragments of some of the 200 bricks are left scattered with weeds and mud showing where the narrow pathway once was.

Heritage

Mr Brookes believes the bricks may have been stolen to order as they were manufactured by a firm

with significant local heritage, Moberley & Perry of Stourbridge. The bricks were taken from Mr Brookes' home either overnight on July 31 or as he was at work the following day.

Just last month, a thief - named the Darlaston Brick Nicker - targeted a public footpath, stealing more than 50 blue Victorian bricks during three raids in as many months.



Gary Brookes on his pathway

Fewer stray dogs found on streets of borough

FEWER dogs are being picked up on the streets of Dudley and more of those rescued are being returned to their owners, following campaigns by officers.

From April to June this year, the council's stray dog collection service picked up 57 animals compared to 99 in the same period the previous year.

Of the 57 strays, 32 were claimed by their owners, with only 26 of those found being microchipped. The previous year 45 of the 99 strays were claimed by owners.

The snapshot reflects what has been a general drop in the number of strays across the borough since 2012.

In 2014-15, 355 dogs were collected compared to 522 the previous year and 562 in 2012-13.

Councillor Rachel Harris, said: "It is great to see such a drop in the number of stray dogs across Dudley. We have regular sessions to promote responsible dog ownership. Owners have a responsibility to ensure their dogs are well looked after and do not cause a nuisance to the public and other pet owners. Dogs must wear a collar and identity disc with name, address and telephone number."

From next April there will be a legal requirement that all dogs must be micro chipped and registered to an approved database by the time they are eight weeks old.

The council stages regular events in partnership with the RSPCA and Dog's Trust where owners can bring along their pet to be microchipped for free while they wait.

By Simon Stone

THE growing popularity of music on vinyl in Stourbridge has prompted a return to the town of a record fair at the end of the month.

Kiki and Henry's Record Fairs are staging their third fair at the Talbot Hotel on Saturday August 29.

The event will be an offshoot of the regular vintage fair which is run by Kiki and Honey in the town over the past two years.

It will see two rooms taken over, crammed with vinyl, CDs, books and magazines, vintage record boxes and racks, along with music memorabilia.

There will be something up for grabs to meet all budgets, from rock-bottom bargains to eye-watering rarities.

Collections

Brand new releases as well as older classics, from the 1950s onwards, will be available.

A spokesman for Kiki and Henry said: "For some people, vinyl records never went away and these music fans have continued to add to their collections, ignoring other formats that have come and gone."

"Others are just discovering the joy of music on record - many have just bought their first turntable and are enjoying building up their collections."

"They like the artwork on the sleeves and to have something tangible rather than a computer file."

"Though many people wrote records off a few years back, vinyl sales are now on the up, worldwide."

"Our record fairs are bringing a great selection of records, and more, to Stourbridge, a town with a great musical history."

Doors open at 11am, and the fair ends at 4pm.

Admission to the fair is 50p.

Find Kiki and Henry Record Fairs on Facebook and Twitter, or email teamwhippet@yahoo.co.uk, for more details.

Former football stars at fun day



Gareth Edwards, referee Mark Pearson and Mel Eves with brothers Ben and Jacob Powney

FORMER Wolves players including Mel Eves and Jody Craddock will get back on the ball for a family fun day in Stourbridge next month.

An 11-a-side charity football match will be the highlight of the event at Stourbridge FC on September 20.

It has been organised by law firm Higgs & Sons and staff will form a team to take on the former Wolves stars.

People can also bid for a place in the starting line up for Higgs & Sons.

All of the money raised on the day will go to the firm's chosen charity for the year, the Alzheimer's Society. Last year's event which saw Higgs take on a team of

Aston Villa Old Stars raised almost £4,000 for the Prince's Trust. There are up to 22 places in the Higgs squad available, with each player playing at least a 35 minute half.

For anyone interested in playing against their sporting heroes, or not depending on allegiances, bids can be registered by contacting Sarah Bryan by email sarah.bryan@higgsandsons.co.uk, who is co-ordinating the event for the Black Country-based firm.

Players must be 16 or over, but all abilities are welcome.

The deadline for bids is 5pm tomorrow (Friday).

Snooker club's brighter future

A FORMER snooker club with a 'dark history' that closed after a string of concerns including violence and alleged drug-taking could reopen to host boxing and wrestling.

The On Cue Snooker Club, in Cradley Heath, had its licence taken away after concerns had been raised about the venue almost two years ago.

Sandwell Council's licensing panel members claimed the venue has been open out of hours and 'run in a manner that promoted violence and disorder'.

Now the Halesowen Road venue will be run by a new operator and called Georges Snooker and Sports Bar. Ward councillor Julie Webb met with the operator and said she was reassured. "This building has a dark history," she said.

Barclays to shut down premises

BARCLAYS has announced it will close its Old Hill branch later this year. The bank in Halesowen Road will shut in November.

Bosses said they had taken the decision due to a fall in customers and the fact there are other branches nearby.

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Borough to celebrate monarch's long reign

THE Mayor of Dudley has invited a select group of borough residents to a special afternoon tea, to mark the Queen's record-breaking reign.

Queen Elizabeth II becomes Britain's longest serving monarch on September 6.

To tie in with the achievement, Dudley Council has planned a number of activities, including a book for well-wishers to sign which will be passed on to the Royal Family.

This will start off at the council house where people will be able to sign it, before moving around to key points in the borough. It will be available until October 12.

People born in 1952, the year the Queen took to the throne, are being invited to contact the council to be entered into a draw for the special afternoon tea with the Mayor and be one of the first people to sign the book.

The civic reception takes place on September 9 from 3pm.

Councillor Steve Waltho, Mayor of Dudley, said: "This is a great occasion for us to mark and I hope people will be able to join me for afternoon tea and the signing of this historic book."

"It will be great to have people born in that year come along and mark this very special day."

The Queen visited the borough in April 1957.

A second book is being placed at Top Church, Dudley.

People who want to be entered into the draw for tickets to the reception can call 01384 815211 or email christine.skelding@Dudley.gov.uk

Concerns over council data leaks

SENSITIVE personal information has been stolen or leaked in more than 300 data breaches by council's in the Black Country and South Staffordshire over three years, new figures claim.

Sandwell Council has the second worst record in the country when it comes to confidential data breaches, with 187 instances recorded between 2011 and 2014. Wolverhampton council also featured in the top 10, with 100 breaches.

Dudley Council saw six cases over the period, three of which resulted in disciplinary measures.

In the UK there were 4,236 data breaches over the period. Privacy campaigners say this shows councils are failing to protect information.

Library to shut for essential works

LYE Library will be closed for two weeks from September 14 for essential repair works.

Ceiling plaster work will be completed and carpet replaced. Users can return and renew items at set times.

Volunteers breathe life into Civic Hall



Brierley Hill Civic Hall is a popular venue

BOOKINGS at Brierley Hill Civic Hall has soared since a community group took over the reins six months ago.

The venue has been used by theatre and dance groups and has hosted fashion shows and weddings.

Dudley Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) took over the day-to-day running of the building from Dudley Council in February.

Andy Gray, chief officer of CVS, said: "The first six months have been focussed on re-engaging with Brierley Hill people, councillors, traders and

charities who like us all want their Civic Hall to flourish.

"We've had great support from Dudley Council who've been open to new ideas for activities that could happen there and how we could make the Civic Hall more appealing."

Ideas

"Our open event in March attracted current users and 60 potential new users, who all shared their ideas for how together we can make the Civic a vibrant home to all sorts of activity, entertainment and businesses."

New catering facilities including a coffee shop and Mr Gray spoke of how he wants to involve local businesses with the Bank Street building.

He added: "We've been in talks with Envile and Holden's breweries, BMET College, Brierley Hill Civic Society, radio stations, promoters and local traders and we've got some exciting plans in the pipeline."

"We're working with Envile Brewery in particular to run 'Bostin' Tay Party'. This will be a festival of fun, food and ale, on September 25 to 26."

Man stole £163,000 for gambling debts

A GAMBLING addict who stole £163,000 from his employers to pay off debts has been locked up for more than two years.

Daniel Weaver used his role as a purchase ledger clerk for ATE Group, at Wolverhampton's Boundary Industrial Estate, to direct fake invoices worth £163,676.85 into his bank account between November 2012 and June 2015, a court was told.

When it became clear the company had rumoured Weaver, aged 26, he fled to London, where he was eventually found in a casino.

Weaver's persistent thefts, used to pay off gambling debts, had a 'significant impact' on business at ATE Group and if his activities had been discovered any later, bosses would have had to consider making other members of staff redundant, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Prosecuting, Mr David Iles said: "The amount was stolen over a period of some time. To his credit, he helped police track down where the money had gone as soon as he had been caught."

Weaver, from Cott Lane, Kingswinford, who pleaded guilty to theft, had no previous convictions and the court heard that until he started to take the money, he had built a reputation as a trusted worker.

However, when his gambling debts piled up, he had used the money stolen to try and recoup his losses through more betting.

He was handed a 26-month prison sentence, of which he must serve half before being released on license. His behaviour had affected the company to the point that it posted a £9,000 loss in 2014, the same year Weaver stole £60,523.

Defending, Mr Oliver Woodhouse, said the scale of what Weaver had been doing came as a shock to those who knew him.

He said: "The defendant started gambling at age 19, playing football accumulators on the weekend. He always had a bit of spare cash because he lived with his parents and could afford to place these bets."

"He believes the turning point for him came when he placed a £5 bet that came in, winning him £3,500. From there, he started to chase that feeling of winning big and of course it never happened for him."

Recorder Dean Kershaw said he had no choice but to send him to prison for 26 months.

Black Country quilt goes on show



Viv Webb of Dudley Adult and Community Learning Services and Artspace secretary Pat Cobern admire the quilt

A COMMUNITY quilt celebrating the heritage and culture of the Black Country has been created and is now on display in Dudley.

The quilt was an eight-week project by adult learners at Artspace in Dudley and features the Dudley coat of arms as well as a crown, flowers, chains, flames and the slogan 'unity and progress'.

It is currently on display at Dudley Archives and Local History Centre on Tipton Road.

Pat Cobern, Artspace secretary, said: "We were thinking that with the Black Country Day being so popular, it would be a nice idea for us to get together for a couple of hours a week to produce a community quilt that celebrates our heritage."

"It turned into a real social event with people coming together to sew, chat and make friends. Everybody really enjoyed doing it."

The project was funded by Cadbury's in Birmingham, who gave Artspace £500.

Learners spent their Saturdays stitching and sewing the different segments of the quilt. It was finally pieced together by Artspace artist Elena Thomas.

The quilt will be on show in the archives centre until September, before travelling to Stourbridge, Brierley Hill and Halesowen.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Borough sees a rise in claimants

DUDLEY Borough saw one of the biggest rises in people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance in the West Midlands last month.

Claimant numbers were up 359 to 5,170 in the borough in July, but the Department of Work and Pensions says it was a 'blip' as the trend is for a fall in both unemployment and claimants.

Since January borough claimants are down 1,799 or 26 per cent.

Wyre Forest, including Kidderminster, saw claimant numbers up 29 to 735 and South Staffs up two to 741.

Floodlights to be installed at school

SIX floodlights will be installed at a school in Kingswinford, despite dozens of objections from residents.

The 8m high lights will flank sports pitches at The Crestwood School, Bromley Lane.

A petition opposing the plan was signed by 51 neighbours to the school.

Proposals were unanimously passed by councillors on Dudley Council's development control committee recently.

The lights can be used until 9pm from Monday to Friday and until 6pm on Saturday, with no usage allowed on Sundays.

Support group to help carers

A NEW support group is being set up for people in Dudley who care for someone living with an eating disorder. The emphasis will be for carers to exchange ideas, share experiences and give mutual support.

Initially, people are invited to meet and receive more information.

Carers in the neighbouring Black Country areas will also be welcome if they cannot access any support groups local to them. To find out more email carers.ed@gmail.com

Increase in car thefts sees patrols on rise

AN increase in the number of thefts of cars and vehicles has prompted a police response. Extra patrols have been introduced around Quarry Bank and Netherton following the thefts.

Officers from the Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood neighbourhood team say there has been a rise but will not give a figure. Sgt Liz Benson said: "My officers will be targeting the areas where these thefts have taken place and offering crime prevention advice along with plain clothed operations."

Charity's new manager

A NEW manager has been appointed for Dudley-based White House Cancer Support. Mother-of-two Caroline Webb took up post with the charity, in Ednam Road, this month. Mrs Webb served in the Women's Royal Naval Service and since 2000 worked for Dudley Council for Voluntary Service.

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



Another fine name with Stan and Olly

WHO would have thought it? Far from being the bumbling, slapstick figures of fun portrayed in their films, they were also trendsetters, way ahead of their time. According to the Office of National Statistics, Oliver and Stanley are among the most popular names for boys today, with Elsie and Ivy making a comeback for girls. Now I knew Oliver had been popular for a while, but I thought the others had died out long ago.

Seth, popularised by the old rogue in Emmerdale Farm, also makes the top 100, as does Finlay, the doctor with the rather large casebook. And who, a few years ago, would have thought Austin, Albert and Frederick would be the monikers of choice for trendy parents?

Strangest of all, though, is that the biggest gainers are Ellis and Jackson, which make the top 100 for the first time in history. Look, I'm know I'm not terribly well up in these things, but aren't they supposed to be surnames?

NOBODY goes to hospital if they can avoid it. As fun destinations go, the average hospital ward ranks some way below Blackpool during the stag party season and the dole office on a Monday morning.

People have to visit hospitals either because they are unwell themselves, or to visit sick loved ones. Yet despite this, or maybe because of it, hospitals in the Black Country are charging visitors up to £2.60 an hour to use their car parks.

Imagine you have a seriously ill relative, and spend three-to-four hours a day visiting them. Isn't that traumatic enough, without paying more than £50 a week for the privilege? And then, of course, you will be charged for an extra hour because of the absurd queue at the paypoint when visiting time finishes. This is exactly what a man queuing at the pay station told me he was having to do while his wife was in hospital.

It is outrageous enough that councils charge shoppers to use the car parks we already own, but at least we can take our custom elsewhere. Hospitals, though, have a captive market, and they know it.

STAYING on the subject, Dudley town centre traders have hit out at the £6.5 million revamp of the market place, saying the money would have been better spent providing car parking. And in matters completely unconnected, Rex Johnson the jeweller is leaving town after more than 40 years.

Meanwhile in Wolverhampton, E Marsh furniture store has moved out of the city centre after more than a century because of the pedestrianisation frenzy gripping the city. Still what do they know? They're only traders, and they haven't yet bought into the local government vision of vast hordes flocking to our shop-free towns to admire the block paving.



Family members Clarence Taylor the first son to be born, Kenneth Taylor, son-in-law Ray Green and John Taylor



Nadeen Taylor and Jayelle, eight months, Kayla Lomas and Jasmine, eight months, Duwane Taylor and Israel, eight months, Marlene Taylor and Lucas, eight months, Stefan McFarquhar and Zayah, five months and Micel Barrett with Kenzo, eight months

Cynthia sits at head of a family of 153

BURCHELL and Cynthia Taylor have certainly made their mark on the world, writes DEBORAH HARDIMAN.

Together, they have created a family of 153 members – 13 children, 65 grandchildren, 61 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great grandchildren.

But that is not their only legacy. They are legendary in Wolverhampton for helping families from Jamaica settle in the city, find new homes and thrive.

The couple were known for providing housing for new arrivals at a time when many landlords put up signs saying No blacks, No dogs, No Irish.

They met and married in Jamaica before Burchell followed his dream of a better life and moved here in 1954.

He found digs in a house in St John Street, belonging to the Mander Centre owners who tasked him with finding more tenants. But he soon became a landlord in his own right. He also sent for Cynthia, who he had left back home with their seven eldest children. She arrived in 1955 with the youngsters and they went on to have six more.

All together, the couple had Clarence, now 74, Kenneth, 72, Madge, 70, Claudette, 68, Gloria, 65, John, 64, Adrian, 62, Joy, 59, Clive, 58, Carlton, 56, and twins Byron and Dennis, 52. Another son, Glen died in infancy.

The Taylors also branched out to set up the haulage business, BL Taylor and Sons and the Caribbean Express coach firm that ran trips to places such as Blackpool and Skegness.

The businesses were in Upper Villiers Street, Blakenhall, where they were also the landlords of six houses. They had a home in Himley Road, Dudley, which Sir Lenny Hen-



Cynthia Taylor at the front of this family get-together in Hickman Park

ry's parents once rented. Mr Taylor died in 2006 aged 86 in Florida, where he was setting up another property venture.

Mrs Taylor, who is now 94, was honoured by her huge family at a gathering at Bilston's Hickman Park. More than 100 relatives attended, with some meeting their cousins, aunts and uncles for the first time.

Across the five generations, the family has at least six nurses, three solicitors, along with builders, electricians, musicians, writers, actors and businessmen and women.

In addition to raising her children, Mrs Taylor, now of Greenly, Road, Parkfields, held down jobs as a care home cook and also as a lock worker at Yale in Willenhall.

She said: "It is lovely to see all of my children and some of my grandchildren together in the same place at the same time. I'm having a good time."

Byron, a solicitor, of Penshore Close, Pendeford, added: "Dad ran his businesses from our home. Life was hectic and challenging, as can be expected with a large family to look after."

"He ran the Caribbean Express, which was a 52-seater coach, until the 1980s. He was also a sub contractor for other coach firms such as Don Everall. He also bought property in Florida. He was very enterprising."

Son Kenneth, a retired mechanic, who now lives in London, added: "I came over in 1961 and I used to go around with dad doing building work. He was a jack of all trades and a hard worker."

"He had some tipper lorries and I used to drive one of them. He had contracts with companies like McAlpine and we used to deliver materials used for building the M6 motorway."

Son Clarence, a father of 10, of Fowler Street, Blakenhall, said they were a loving

family that held traditional values. "My mum and dad were very loving parents," he said. "They taught us the meaning of love and respect. Mom is a practising Christian and goes to the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Oxford Street."

The celebration saw the Taylors take part in a photoshoot in the park followed by a meal at Wolverhampton Sickle Cell Care, where daughter Claudette is the centre director.

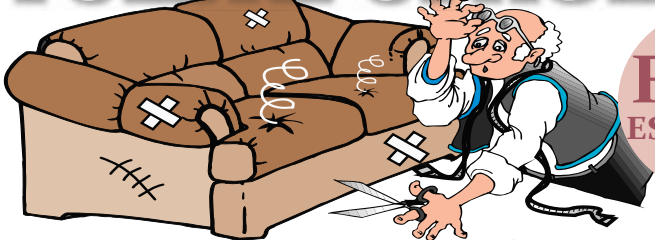
Granddaughter Annobelle Taylor, 23, an administrator, of Clark Road, Compton, says: "There are no words to describe today. It's just been amazing to meet up with everyone. Granny is also here. Days like this are brilliant."

Celebration organiser, son Dennis, of Goldthorn Crescent, Goldthorn Park, concluded: "Our family has come a long waysince the early days here."

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Howells on move after another record year

GROWING Cradley Heath roof lights and canopies specialists Howells Patent Glazing is on the move.

The family-run company, formed in 1973, has just had its second successive record breaking year and is now looking for bigger premises.

The firm, which has recently completed a project for Leeds City College, enjoyed the best trading year in its history, topping last year's £2.5 million record.

Howells Patent Glazing's staff have more than 150 years' worth of combined experience within their industry meaning the firm has expertise and knowledge that its clients have come to trust.

Marketing manager Tracey Jackson said 2015 marked a significant milestone for the company, currently based at Triton Works in Woods Lane, as it had made the decision to move into a larger premises to cater for future expansion. "A new premises will need to be larger than what we currently have," she said.

"We are now working at capacity and employing new staff, so we need something which we can grow into again. We are excited to be moving the business forward and being able to create new opportunities for people in the area."

The company is looking for a premises that are at least 50 per cent bigger than their current 18,000 sq ft but has committed to remaining around the Cradley Heath area.

The move will also enable Howells to create new job opportunities.

Howells has already found a new apprentice to be placed in its welding department on a two-year course that starts in September and is now looking for a new patent glazing fixing team of at least two people.

Hopes of more jobs thanks to fledgling firm's exports success



Oliver, left, and James Glendenning, of Parry Building Products

A GROWING business started by two Black Country brothers less than two years ago is exporting 100 per cent of its output.

Parry Building Products on the Gainsborough Trading Estate in Rufford Road, Stourbridge, manufactures a range of steel pre-cast moulds for producing building materials including tiles and bricks.

The company, which celebrated its second anniversary on July 25, is now exporting to 19 countries, mainly in Africa including Tanzania, Kenya, Somalia, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Zambia and Malawi. It even exports to Tahiti in the South Pacific.

Sales and marketing director Oliver Glendenning said: "There is a real demand for the building products that are made using our technology, especially in areas without electricity or where it is expensive."

"We offer a whole range of moulds for use in building single and multi-storey structures."

"The technology utilises local natural materials like clay, mud and cement to produce affordable building products."

Parry moulds can now be utilised to make 50 different kinds of building products.

He and his brother, managing director James, employ two full time and two part time staff in the casting operation and expect to take on more workers as they continue to grow.

Parry's customers include entrepreneurs and charities involved in building projects like schools and water towers.

Mr Glendenning said that the firm's export success had been achieved without any kind of grant funding or government support to date.

It is now getting help to identify potential new markets from the British African Business Alliance, which links UK firms up with potential new partners in Africa, and from UK Trade and Investment.

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The Mayor of Bilston giving tea to evacuees following their arrival



Evacuees in a Baptist school hall in Wolverhampton



Wolverhampton Women's Voluntary Service distributing clothes to evacuee mothers

Recalling days of Operation Pied Piper

MEMORY LANE

Report by Carl Chinn

VIVID news film of the conflicts in Spain, Abyssinia and China of the mid-1930s onwards brought home to the British people the awfulness of modern warfare.

Mostly because it not only affected those in the Armed Forces, but it also devastated the lives of countless numbers of civilians.

Distressing footage showed the panic of old men, women and children as they fled air raids and the onslaughts of enemy troops. It made plain the gruesome injuries, maimings and corpses. And it revealed clearly the havoc, desolation and inhumanity of war.

The effects of aerial bombing in particular affected the considerations of the British government. As early as 1935, when appeasement was pursued



Children among London evacuees who arrived in Wolverhampton on July 11, 1944. The Express & Star said they 'crooned all the way'

vigorously and rearmament was still resisted, procedures were put in place for training experts to co-ordinate civilian responses if war broke out and there were raids on Britain's cities.

Accordingly, organised evacuation was a major feature of wartime preparations. On September 1, 1939, two

days before war was declared, national and local plans were put into operation in Operation Pied Piper. It was the biggest movement of people in the history of Britain. Those who went away did so with their schools, and around 100,000 teachers were involved, acting as guardians for their pupils. Some of

these were as young as five. In later evacuations, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton and Smethwick were places to which London evacuees were sent.

Among those involved was the family of Des Stokes, who asks: "Since 1946 from time to time I have tried to locate the three children who stayed with my family. There was a boy named Cornelius and his two sisters, Pamela and Patricia, all from Croydon, Surrey. I never gave up hope of finding them and recently our search was rewarded, all due to my youngest grand-daughter Poppy, aged seven.

"The school that she attends in St Albans in Hertfordshire gave her a book to read about the Second World War. My daughter suggested that Poppy should contact me because I had experienced what it was like during the air raids. Poppy was communicating with me via an iPad. Whilst I was talking to my granddaughter, I was interrupted by my own daughter, who suddenly said 'He is still alive!'. 'Who?', I said, and she read out details of a man named Cornelius.

"She had been using her computer and his name was followed by his address and contact number. I made a note of this and next day phoned the number, which was answered immediately. We had a good chat and it was revealed that this was one of the evacuees, and both of his sisters were still alive.

"He also gave me the telephone number of Pamela, who was overjoyed to hear from me when I phoned her, as she too had been trying to find us to say thank you for caring for them all during their stay as evacuees.

"We hoped that we could meet them soon. After 70 years, we had a lot to talk about, and it all started with my seven-year-old grand-daughter and her question about evacuees. We finally contacted one of the evacuees on March 3, 2015 and a date was fixed for her to visit us on April 21. Between the two dates I had tried to find out any details of the dates that evacuees had arrived in Smethwick, also which school they had attended. I tried the Archives in Smethwick and Sandwell and 'Smethwick Heritage' magazine, all to no avail. It was looking as if there was no such thing as evacuees in Smethwick."

Des adds: "Inquiries directed me to the Thimblemill Library where I spoke to a lady who was on the board of governors and she promised to make a few phone calls.

"She had our phone number and contacted us the day after to say that my wife and myself together with the evacuee could visit the school on April 22. Whilst conducting this search, I was also looking into records on the evacuees' brother, who had spent eight months in the Hollies (also known as Coopers Lane Open Air School), but with no result at all.

"At long last the evacuee arrived on April 21 and next day we all went to Uplands School. On arrival the evacuee immediately recognised the school and proved that she had attended during her stay in Mansion Crescent.

"The guide showed us around and at the end produced documents for the evacuee and her sister which clearly showed her date of birth, when they started and when they left.

"One of the classes intended to do a project on the Second World War, and both my wife and I will be invited to sit in front to answer questions."

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These artist's impressions of the Wordsley apartment complex were released as heritage bosses revealed their bid for £2.1m towards the museum was successful.

Complex Developments managing director, Ian Harrabin, said: "The offices and apartments will be fantastic. Incredibly stylish and sophisticated inside and out - just a nice place to live."

"We have already had people express interest regarding the apartments before we are yet to release a proper pricing plan. The progress with the whole site is coming along very well."

It is hoped that the apartments will be completed by February.

The glass museum, which is being built on part of the factory site, once known as the White House Glass Cone, will showcase the area's glass making history.

Broadfield House Glass Museum will close at the end of September with the glass collection moved to the new site in autumn 2016.



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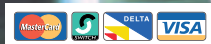
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Stourbridge College Head, Wendy Stevens, commented; "Young people today want to succeed and many are telling us that they have come to Stourbridge College because of the industry links with global companies and because of our partnerships with leading universities"

The wide range of courses is another reason. With the Black Country continuing to be at risk from an engineering and manufacturing skills shortage, the College is delighted to have created new engineering workshops containing state of the art equipment for apprentices and those currently in work as well as those interested in going on to study engineering and manufacturing at university. The engineering workshops supplement the advanced technology and construction industry facilities and training courses available at Stourbridge College's Advanced Technology Centre in Brierley Hill. "These types of courses are becoming even more popular" said Wendy, "as people opt for these because of the future demand for people with these skills."

The College offers courses for 16-18 year-olds interested in studying A Levels, practical vocational courses or Apprenticeships. All courses include opportunities to gain experience of the world of work and make contact with industry professionals and experts who can help students on their way to success. Wendy

continues; "If young people are going to secure good jobs then they certainly need qualifications. However they need more than that and so we give them as much exposure to industry as possible and equip them with the skills employers need."

The College's recent £5 million refurbishment has created innovative teaching and learning spaces, new science laboratories, specially designed IT suites and a new refectory. A brand new Centre of Excellence for Early Years and Health & Social Care has also been developed to include state-of-the-art clinical and practice rooms, a simulation health ward, independent living-area and a creative play area.

The College's Art and Design courses also continue to attract students from around the Black Country through its unique range of University of Arts London Awarding Body (UALAB) Foundation and Diploma courses.

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Chance to work in Westminster

AN MP is calling people to apply for work placements and training at Westminster.

Ian Austin, who represents Dudley North, is taking part in this year's Speaker's Parliamentary Placement Scheme.

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Ex-Villa player joins the college team



Former Villa player Andy Comyn takes on a new role

A FORMER Aston Villa and Albion defender has a new role at Dudley College.

Andy Comyn – who started out in Manchester United's youth team – has signed to the college as its new vice-principal for financial strategy and control.

The 47-year-old started his career in professional football with Villa after completing a physics degree at Birmingham University.

He also enjoyed spells at Derby County, Plymouth Argyle and Albion, but studied a book-keeping course during his playing days to ensure there was life after football.

Albion offered him a contract in 1996, but he instead moved to Hedsnesford Town – where he was able to balance playing football and working as an accountant in Walsall.

In addition to his career in finance, Mr Comyn has also enjoyed a five-year spell as a governor at Halesowen College.

He said: "It's great to be here and part of such an ambitious, dynamic forward-thinking organisation.

Mr Comyn replaces Gary Turton.

Taxi bosses trained to spot child abuse

TAXI operators in Dudley will be made to attend training sessions in a bid to help drivers spot signs of child sexual exploitation.

Dudley Council said it had made the move in the wake of the Rotherham child sex scandal.

Under the changes, base operators will need to have attended sessions before they can receive a private hire licence.

Operators will be told how to spot the signs that a child may be in danger and how to report it. They will then be told to pass the information on to their drivers.

Councillor Richard Body, chairman of the taxis committee, said: "Child sexual exploitation is a horrendous crime and it is important we all know how we can help protect children and young people by being able to spot the signs.

"By the nature of their work, taxi drivers can play a vital role in spotting and reporting suspicious behaviour."

Lenny's script a little too close to home for his sister

DUDLEY-BORN comedian Sir Lenny Henry said opening up about his childhood for a drama was so raw that even his sister will not read the script.

The Comic Relief funnyman stars in and wrote BBC drama, Danny And The Human Zoo, a 'fantasy memoir' of his life as a talented teenager in 1970s Dudley.

"Because a lot of people in my family are alive, if I'd written it exactly the way my life had been, I would have annoyed a lot of people," the actor said.

"It's a bit like a parallel universe Lenny. My sister still won't read it because she thinks it's too rude."

Sir Lenny, 56, portrays Samson Fearon in the one-off drama, which stars newcomer Kascion Franklin as aspiring impressionist Danny and Cecilia Noble as his mother Myrtle. His comments come as the BBC revealed scores of lucky residents from Dudley will get the chance to attend a red carpet screening of the new drama in the town this week.

Sir Lenny said: "The storyline with my mum and dad is based on the truth. I didn't want to write it in a way that was pedantic. I talk about my mum and dad in every interview I do. The dad I talk about is the person that raised me. I wanted something that was truthful about the way we grew up and our family. It wasn't like it was a big deal or anything. I'm glad I have written about it and it was about time."

Sir Lenny – who has openly spoken about his estranged relationship with his father, who died when he was 19 – said it has been 'great' imagining alternate scenarios."

A preview of Danny and the Human Zoo takes place at the Showcase Cinema, Castlegate, tonight (Thursday).



Sir Lenny Henry, aged 56

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Time to let go of the Hippodrome dream

I AM becoming increasingly irritated by letters talking about re-opening the Dudley Hippodrome.

G Oakley is the latest to air his views. Not surprisingly, not a whisper from him as to who should foot the bill to renovate it. It appears that maybe private investors or an entrepreneurs are pretty thin on the ground.

It is an awful looking building, and shoddy, and its design is something rather like a young child would draw. If it had any architectural merit it would have now been designated as a listed building. Variety theatres are

dead, and that is what it was in its hey-day. Forget espousing that Laurel and Hardy appeared, the core entertainers there, apart from the odd one or two well-known radio entertainers, most acts were simply what I would term as circuit acts, travelling to a different venue each week similar to that of travelling circuses which would appear at around the same time each year.

Practically every town in the country had a similar theatre to that of the Hippodrome in those days, and they all pretty well much relied on the public in their catchment area for revenue,

I should imagine that most have gone the same way as the 'Hippo'.

Today the media and personal IT caters for every type of entertainment requirement and large venues around should you prefer live entertainment. It has changed theatre and cinema attendances out of all recognition and I would go so far as to say many people would now rather watch a gig or a stand-up-comic in their local pub or pound the pavements at the Edinburgh festival in preference to theatre going.

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Spain drain on forces' resources

SO, we now have fewer police officers on the street, thousands of PCSOs are to go. Police are not attending burglaries, and to cover for the lack of officers there has been an increase in overtime payments and police stations closed.

Now a chief officer is telling us to e-mail evidence to the police so that they do not have to attend.

However what they are doing is sending West Midlands Police officers to Spain and patrol in full uniform alongside the local police.

This we are told is to assist with British victims, witnesses and offenders and to help them with respecting local laws and customs.

I think someone should wake up and smell the coffee. I have news for this government; we can't get our own locals to respect local laws and customs! So I don't believe a two week jolly to Spain will make not one jot of difference.

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A-bombs dropped needlessly for war

LET'S not forget it was the Europeans that started WW2 and not the Japanese people.

Seventy years ago an American B-29 bomber dropped 'little boy' - the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, though less than 10 feet long and less than 10,000 pounds in weight in less than one minute 80,000 people instantly died and another 70,000 hideously injured and despite the sheer horror of what they had done, the Americans still dropped a second atomic bomb called 'Fat Boy' on Nagasaki only three days later killing another 70,000 people.

The Americans had already mass conventionally bombed the people of Tokyo and other parts of Japan and invented napalm, even though the European countries that caused the war in the first place had stopped fighting each other leaving an estimated 1,400,000 people dead and thousands of other generations suffering the physical effects of A-bomb radiation for a war that ended before they were even born. The only unanswered question is, if the Japanese had not surrendered to the apocalypse and devastation of the first two A-bombs, how many more A-bombs were the Americans prepared to drop on the Japanese people?

G E FANTHOM
Swindon

Recalling aunty who ran Swans

WITH regards to your article 'Town's History', which featured on Monday August 10, and referred to the bomb explosion in 1940 opposite 'Top Church', it was my auntie who kept the pub which was mentioned - The Three Swans.

I wrote to Carl Chinn to ask if he could find anything about it.

His reply was he couldn't find any record of it, but my letter was printed in the Express & Star.

I was just nine years old when this happened.

Also I would like to say that in August 1915 my grandfather was killed in Turkey during fighting in the Great War.

His name - Joseph Coates - is carved in stone under the clock tower in the council building in Dudley.

I used to go and visit, but now gates are locked.

He received a commendation from Buckingham Palace.

M JONES
Dudley

Stakes run high in Labour contest



OH Andy, well you came and you gave without taking, but will they send you away?

For Andy Burnham, who visited Brierley Hill last weekend, the stakes are far higher in this long-running and increasingly bitter leadership contest.

Coming fourth in the 2010 election - behind even Ed Balls, who lost his own seat in Parliament five years later - he went into this bout with more to prove than the others.

But as the frontrunner when the competition opened he is also the one many would consider to have the best chance of seeing off the challenge of Jeremy Corbyn - a task that gets tougher as the left-winger soars ever higher in the opinion polls.

Damage

One of his biggest challenges, however, will be if he actually does win.

Frequently, when Ed Miliband raised the NHS at Prime Minister's Questions, David Cameron would point to the Mid-Staffordshire scandal as a way of shutting down the debate.

What happens when the former health secretary who decided against a public inquiry, fearing it would damage the trust beyond repair, addresses the PM?

The weekly question time is little more than an opportunity for grandstanding and showing off and Mr Burnham would undoubtedly fight his corner. Tom Watson, the West Bromwich East MP, remains the favourite to become deputy leader of the Labour party.

But as Liz Kendall's chances of



Deputy leader hopeful Tom Watson



Lichfield Tory MP Michael Fabricant

becoming Labour leader begin to resemble those of an ice cream on a barbecue, a couple of her supporters have been made an offer they almost certainly can refuse.

Wolverhampton MPs Pat McFadden and Emma Reynolds both nominated the shadow care minister.

The two prominent players on the green benches, one shadow Europe minister and one shadow communities secretary, find themselves not exactly relishing the prospect of a Corbyn victory.

Step forward Gavin Williamson, the affable and always smiling Tory MP for South Staffordshire.

"I'd be very willing to extend an olive branch to Pat and Emma if they ever wanted to join the Conservative party," he said.

I'd imagine there's more likelihood of the MPs paying the £9.99 to join the Official Monster Raving Loony Party than take up that offer but it's always nice to be invited.

Lichfield Conservative MP Michael Fabricant was sacked as a party vice chairman for his outspoken opposition to high speed rail.

But Jeremy Corbyn has questioned it as well and if he wins the Labour leadership and changes direction on HS2, it could upset the cross party consensus.

Mr Fabricant had pondered throwing in £3 to sign up as a Labour supporter and vote for Mr Corbyn.

Although with Labour having been on the look out for 'entrysts', such a prominent Tory would have surely rung a few alarm bells.

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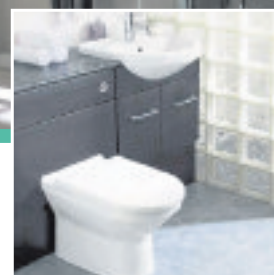
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Enjoyable occasion at Vesuvio

Kingswinford TWG

KINGSWINFORM Townswomen's guild met on August 10 in the community centre following apologies for absence, a quick resume was given on the progress of sick members.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, agreed and signed. The treasurer gave her report and reminded members of the benefits to the guild of Gift Aid.

Joyce Robins read the federation report. It was agreed by all who had attended the Annual Lunch at Vesuvio that it was a very enjoyable occasion. Members were told that the 11 tickets for the Federation Harvest Luncheon were paid for, but if anyone else wished to attend it is possible that there are still places available.

Everyone's a winner in pairs competition



Pairs winners Gordon Grosvenor and Anthony Lane with their trophies

Sedgley Bridge Club

THE winners of this years Sedgley Bridge Club Pairs Cup competition Gordon Grosvenor and Anthony Lane are pictured with their trophies.

The friendly competition was played on Thursday, August 6, at Sedgley & District Community Association and invites any member of the S&DCA.

This year saw players from both of the other bridge groups who meet at the Community Centre taking part. It ended with all competitors as winners as a cream tea was had by all thanks to William's Coffee House Sedgley. New members and guest

are always welcome to Wednesday Group for Rubber Bridge sessions, Friday Group that teach the basics of the game and help to teach enough to play social bridge and the Thursday Group for duplicate. Group sessions are played from 1 or 1.30 to 4pm approximately at a cost £1, Wednesday and Friday and £1.50 for Thursday.

For more details contact Stanley on 01902 561908 or Keith on 01902 671728.

New guild is formed

WEST Midlands Federation of Townswomen has successfully formed a new guild which will be known as Gornal Wood Morning Guild.

The first meeting is at the Darby and Joan Club in Gornal which is next to the Library. This meeting will be on September 16 commencing at 10am. Further meetings will continue on the third Wednesday of the following months.

A number of ladies have already shown a lot of interest and would like to invite any other interested ladies to come along and join them at the first meeting.

Formby fun with ukulele lady

Penn TG

THE guild business, various notices and federation report were completed and chairman, Mrs Ursula McInnes welcomed everyone and introduced the entertainment for the evening, Gabrielle the Ukulele Lady.

We were treated to a world tour of songs from her on a selection of ukuleles and she finished the tour with a medley of George Formby tunes with everyone joining in.

The gardening group visited the Wodehouse at Wombourne where we had coffee and a guided tour.

Social studies evening was a strawberry supper.

Penn Poets entertained with poems, some of which were their own and very and amusing.

Future Dates: September 9, 'Staffordshire Privies' - Mr. A. Poulton-Smith; Sep 23, 'Zimbabwe Safari' - Mike Wilkes

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The line-up also includes Sam Smith, Paloma Faith, Ellie Goulding, The Script, Hozier, George Ezra, Olly Murs, James Bay, Stereophonics, Clean Bandit, Sir Tom Jones, Nero, Jessie Ware, Sigma, and Ella Eyre.

They will line up with a host of other star names across four stages.

The popular Glee Club Comedy Tent is returning with top acts including Russell Kane, Frankie Boyle, Seann Walsh and Matt Richardson.

The festival's northern site was originally in Leeds but moved to Weston Park, near Albrighton, in 1999 when Stereophonics also featured, alongside headlining fellow Welsh rockers Manic Street Preachers and soul legend James Brown.

Festival director Simon Moran said: "It is incredible to think what V has achieved in two decades."

For more information visit the www.vfestival.com website.

All Shook Up over Elvis

NEW musical Love Me Tender was created by the producers of Hairspray, Jersey Boys and West Side Story and is a feel-good show featuring Elvis Presley's greatest hits.

Starring 1980s pop star Mica Paris and former EastEnders Shaun Williamson, the story is set in small town 1950s America, where a guitar-playing, hip-swivelling stranger rides in on his motorbike and gets the locals All Shook Up.

Is he The Devil in Disguise or could he be headed for Heartbreak Hotel, but for Natalie, the love-struck, tomboy mechanic, it really is Now or Never.

Packed with 25 of the best loved songs by The King himself, Love Me Tender, is a funny and moving tale of hope and the healing qualities of rock 'n' roll.

Mica Paris says: "I think the thing I loved about Love Me Tender was the story. It's really clever. The story is not about Elvis, particularly. It's more of a comedy. It's all about young love, unrequited love and mature love."

"The story is what made me fall for it. Sylvia my character is so me, it's me with an American accent. It's almost like the people were thinking of me when they wrote it."

The music must also have been a draw? "Oh yeah, for sure. It's packed with great songs. Elvis was a gospel guy in the beginning and it works for me. The minute I started singing the soundtrack, it sounded perfect. It felt great."

Love Me Tender will be staged at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Monday to Saturday, August 24 to 29.



'It's packed with great songs'

Black Country rock band's debut ready

HOTLY-TIPPED Black Country rockers EofE have announced details of their first album.

The Dudley band will release their self-titled debut on October 9 through Cream Records following a year of relentless touring.

The release comes off the back of the group's performance at Download Festival earlier this year and will feature all of their singles released to date.

EofE have toured with Glamour Of The Kill and supported McBusted at the LG Arena.

Fronted by singer Tom Harris, the band's sound has been described as thunderous stadium rock with informative pop melodies. For more information see www.eofe.com website.

Keep eyes open for The Fratellis

GLASWEGIAN trio The Fratellis, are back and heading to Birmingham's O2 Academy tonight (Thursday) to launch their new album Eyes Wide, Tongue Tied.

The band is looking forward to showcasing its latest material. Frontman Jon Fratelli said: "We had a record out two years ago, so it does not feel like we have been away that long. We are looking forward to going out and playing the songs."

Eyes Wide, Tongue Tied, the band's first since third studio album We Need Medicine in 2013, was completed in two weeks with high energy tracks similar to hits Chelsea Dagger and Whistle For The Choir.

Bolan tribute born to boogie at Robin

NEXT month marks what would have been glam rock star Marc Bolan's 68th birthday, and also the 38th anniversary of his death in a car crash, aged 29.

The corkscrew-haired frontman of T Rex has become a 70s icon and the timeless quality of his good time boogie music continues to win new fans.

Tribute band T Rextasy, led by Bolan devotee Danielz, have now been gigging longer than the original T Rex. They return to the Black Country to play the Robin 2 in Bilston on Saturday, August 29.

Tickets cost £13 in advance or £15 on the door. See www.therobin.co.uk or call 01902 401211.

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There is always time for a spot of sightseeing in the capital



Youngsters can enjoy photographs with Shrek



Paul's hotel of choice – the luxurious Conrad London St James



The Star Wars attraction at Madame Tussauds, London

Capital gain for families thanks to a range of great attractions

By Paul Naylor

MY daughter Rachel, 14, and son Matthew, 12, had never been to the 'big smoke', so when the opportunity arose to spend some quality time in Londinium, they were thrilled.

Travelling by train is, in my opinion, the best option. Book online early and you can save a small fortune, reserving a seat in the process – an absolute must with regular trains from the likes of Wolverhampton, Birmingham, Shrewsbury and Telford.

Catching the train at Wolverhampton, we arrived at Euston station within two hours and transferred to St James's Park Tube Station directly opposite our hotel – the stunning five-star Conrad London St James.

Sitting on the doorstep of Westminster, Big Ben and Buckingham Palace, not only

does it have a prime location, but also comes with chic design and wonderful service.

Visitors can enjoy a distinctive, locally sourced selection of culinary delights at the Blue Boar restaurant. And then there is the elegant Emmeline's Lounge, ideal for afternoon tea.

There is complimentary WiFi and Nespresso machines in every room and, as we were executive floor guests, complimentary breakfast and other treats throughout the day. Rachel and Matthew had never seen anything quite like it.

In around five minutes, we had walked past Westminster Abbey, Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, crossing Westminster Bridge with the London Eye prominent in view. The South Bank is vibrant, with tourists enjoying a bite to eat with a

fabulous vista. Many, like us, were there to see pre-booked attractions. First on the list, The London Dungeon.

Even Matthew, who can be a little hesitant with such scary stuff, thought it was great fun. Rachel particularly enjoyed the 'public lynching' we endured at the end. A short walk and we were at our next venue. Sea Life London Aquarium is home to one of Europe's largest collections of marine life from around the globe.

New for 2015, Sea Dragon Kingdom has some of the ocean's most weird and wonderful fish and intrepid adventurers can follow a fun Lego-based trail with a free deep sea explorer activity pack, helping to find missing equipment hidden amongst the sharks, starfish and shoals of bright tropical fish.

Towards the end of the attraction, I enjoyed the history of London unfolding in the new Thames Walk. Our final visit of the

day was to the all-new Shrek's Adventure London. Based on the popular Dreamworks animated characters from the Shrek movies, plus Kung Fu Panda and Madagascar, it combines a brilliant 4D bus ride/flight to the kingdom of Far, Far Away and a walking tour of the fantasy land.

On returning to London from the fairytale kingdom, visitors can have photos with Shrek and friends before exiting through a shop laden with 'Shrekastic' goodies.

The summer evening allowed us plenty of opportunity for further sightseeing, including a stop off at Nelson's Column and Buckingham Palace. We returned to the Conrad, ready to take on our next day's fun outing to Madame Tussauds.

I recommend going to London with your children and experience for yourself the range of great attractions. You might knock a few years off your own age in doing so.

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Keep It in the Family (ITV, 7pm)
Bradley Walsh tries to keep a straight face as families from Warwickshire and Kent compete to win a selection of prizes, with the kids taking the lead as usual. The two clans will be attempting wacky challenges and donning daft outfits to win points, before deciding decide whether to swap a prize, drop it or keep it in the family. This week's cowering celebrities facing the dreaded trap door are six stars from The Only Way Is Essex, while the beloved Nanas return to explain common phrases and topics - in their own risqué way. Plus, there are performances from a speed-painting artist, and a children's theatre group, who sing a popular number from Mary Poppins.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.30 Football Focus. 12.00 BBC News; Weather. 12.10 Live Athletics: World Championships. Live coverage of the opening day at the Bird's Nest Stadium in Beijing. **3.00 Equestrian: European Jumping Championships. 4.30 Final Score. 5.15 Pointless Celebrities.** (R)
6.00 BBC News.
6.10 Regional Programme.
6.20 Film: Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull. (2008) The globe-trotting archaeologist teams up with a rebellious teenager who draws him into a search in the Amazon jungle for a mysterious artefact of untold power. But their quest is hindered by Soviet agents, who also want the fabled object for an altogether more sinister purpose. Action adventure sequel, updating the series to a 1950s Cold War setting, starring Harrison Ford.
8.15 The National Lottery: Five Star Family Reunion. A UK family and their long-lost overseas relatives must work together in order to win a once-in-a-lifetime reunion in a five-star location. The overseas family must answer questions to win time for their relatives in the UK studio, who will then individually answer questions against the clock. Nick Knowles hosts. Includes the all-important weekend draw.
9.10 Casualty. Part one of two. Zoe visits Dylan and persuades him to get help for his OCD, and Lily desperately seeks her parents' approval after being promoted to registrar. Meanwhile, the team helps a father forgive his daughter after he discovers she gave her mother the pill that caused her untimely death. Elsewhere, a man lies to his girlfriend about an accident involving her seven year old son, but Ethan convinces him to come clean.
10.00 BBC News; Weather.
10.20 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Manchester United v Newcastle United and Crystal Palace v Aston Villa; National Lottery Update.
11.40 Rugby Union. France v England.
12.40 Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.45 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix - Practice One. (R) **7.55 Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix - Practice Two.** (R) **9.55 Live Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix - Practice Three. 11.05 Live Athletics: World Championships. 12.10 Live Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix.** Qualifying. Coverage from the Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.30 Escape to the Country.** (R) **3.30 Flog It! (R) 4.30 Gardeners' World.** (R) **5.00 Athletics: World Championships Highlights.**
6.00 Atlantic: The Wildest Ocean on Earth. Life in the tropical Atlantic, where everything from dolphins, manatees and whale sharks to sunbathing jellyfish thrive in the Caribbean's warm, sheltered waters, fringed by coral reefs and rich mangrove forests. But when extreme heat in Africa unleashes terrifying hurricanes, all hell breaks loose across the region. Last in the series. (R)
7.00 Proms Extra 2015. Katie Derham is joined by Chi-Chi Nwanoku and Roderick Williams to review Bach's solo violin works, Mahler's ninth symphony and Daniel Barenboim's West-Eastern Divan Orchestra.
7.40 Edwardian Farm. The trio face their busiest period of the year as harvest arrives, but find time to relax with a day out at the seaside featuring musical entertainment and a Punch and Judy show. (R)
8.40 Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring and Sergeant Wilson are trapped in the bank vault with an unexploded bomb. (R)
9.10 Julie Walters: A Life on Screen. The actress chats about her career, from her beginnings in theatre through to her successes in TV and film. With contributions by Victoria Wood, Celia Imrie and Hugh Bonneville. (R)
10.10 Film: Calendar Girls. (2003) Members of a Yorkshire branch of the Women's Institute cause controversy when they pose nude for a charity calendar. Fact-based comedy drama, with Helen Mirren and Julie Walters.
11.55 Film: Titanic Town. (1998) A woman raises a family in 1970s Belfast leads a campaign for an end to violence after her friend is accidentally killed. Fact-based drama, starring Julie Walters.
1.30 Live Athletics: World Championships.

ITV

**6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! 6.25 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan. (R) 6.45 Dino Dan. (R) 7.00 Animals. (R) 7.05 Animals. (R) 7.15 Sooty. (R) 7.30 Super 4. (R) 7.45 Fish Hooks. 8.00 Young Justice: Invasion. (R) 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Weekend. 8.25 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 10.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 11.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 12.25 ITV News; Weather. 12.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 1.35 Tipping Point. (R) 2.35 Celebrity Squares. (R) 3.20 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.15 Catchphrase. (R)
6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.
6.10 ITV News; Weather.
6.30 You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates another selection of clips, including a girl who keeps raising in her ears, seals with an attitude problem and how to destroy a shed using a single head-butt. (R)
7.00 Keep It in the Family. Bradley Walsh hosts the game show in which families from Warwickshire and Kent go head to head in a series of fun-filled rounds. Six stars from The Only Way Is Essex face the drop as the teams decide whether to swap a prize, drop it or keep it in the family, and there are performances from a speed-painting artist and a children's theatre group, singing a favourite number from Mary Poppins. And of course, the Nanas are back.
8.00 The Saturday Night Story. Part two of two. Ant and Dec pay tribute to comedy duos and Debra Stephenson and Jon Culshaw reveal their favourite impressionists. Plus, Blind Date with the late Cilla Black.
9.00 The Lost Honour of Christopher Jefferies. Fact-based feature-length drama, starring Jason Watkins. It's December 2010 and retired teacher Christopher Jefferies finds his life in Bristol turned upside down when the police question him about the disappearance of his tenant Joanna Yeates. Her murder then becomes a major news story and the press seize upon Jefferies as a suspect, despite a lack of evidence - with destructive results. With Ben Caplan, Shaun Parkes, Nathalie Armin and Joe Sims.
11.00 ITV News; Weather.
11.15 The Chase. (R)
12.15 Jackpot247. 3.00 Show Me the Telly. (R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen.**

CHANNEL 4

6.10 How I Met Your Mother. (R) 6.35 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.30 Cardiff Triathlon. 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Frasier. (R) 10.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 10.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.30 The Simpsons. (R) 12.00 The Simpsons. (R) 12.30 The Simpsons. (R) 1.00 Rude (ish) Tube. 1.30 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from York, Sandown Park and Chester. **4.15 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.45 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.10 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.45 Come Dine with Me. (R)
6.10 Come Dine with Me. On the final day of the competition in south-east London it is part-time event organiser Gina's turn to throw a dinner party. She rolls out an evening of fine dining inspired by her love of cookery courses, but her culinary prowess fails to make an impact on Vincenzo, as he reveals he already ate dinner at home due to the belief that women can't cook. (R)
6.35 Channel 4 News.
7.00 Great Canal Journeys. Veteran actors and married couple Timothy West and Prunella Scales continue their journey and reach the Rochdale Canal - a waterway that was a main artery for the textile industry at the height of the Industrial Revolution. They begin in Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire, and head west through Mytholmroyd, before journeying over the Pennines to the canal summit, more than 600ft above sea level.
8.00 Film: Battleship. (2012) A reckless slacker joins the Navy, hoping to win the respect of his girlfriend's father, a stern admiral. He and his shipmates are put to the ultimate test as part of a force of vessels that must battle an invading fleet of powerful alien spaceships. Sci-fi adventure, starring Taylor Kitsch.
10.35 Film: Rush Hour 3. (2007) An assassination attempt sets mismatched detectives Lee and Carter off on a mission to take on Triad gangs in Paris. Action comedy sequel, starring Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker.
12.20 The Last Leg. (R) 1.15 Hollyoaks. (R) 3.20 Location, Location. (R) 4.15 Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb. (R) 5.10 Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) 5.30 Draw It! (R) 5.55 How I Met Your Mother. (R)**

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 SpongeBob SquarePants. 10.35 Cowboy Builders. (R) 11.30 Cowboy Builders. (R) 12.30 Cowboy Builders. (R) 1.25 Film: Columbo: Blueprint for Murder. (1972) Crime drama, directed by and starring Peter Falk. **2.55 Film: Mosquito Squadron.** (1969) Second World War drama, starring David McCallum. **4.45 Film: The Sea Wolves.** (1980) Fact-based Second World War adventure, with Gregory Peck; 5 News Update.
7.00 Cricket on 5. England v Australia. Action from the third day of the series-concluding Fifth Test, which comes from the Oval. This has proven to be a good venue for the hosts over the years and their record here is quite exceptional, and only two touring sides have left here with a victory in the last 10 years - those being Pakistan in 2010 and South Africa in 2012. If Australia are to emerge triumphant they will definitely have to improve their performance with the bat, although they did show in the second Test at Lord's that they are capable of when scoring 566/8 declared in the first innings.
7.55 5 News Weekend.
8.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Paul and Steve discover a locked wooden case when they are called to evict tenants from a flat in London's Docklands. Opening it up, they realise they urgently need police back-up - and the property quickly becomes a crime scene. Brian and Graham head to Swindon Town FC to collect a debt, while Paul's team arrives at a property in Essex to find that they have to remove a woman and her six children. (R)
9.00 Football League Tonight. Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the latest games, including Leeds United v Sheffield Wednesday and Charlton Athletic v Hull City in the Championship, as well as all the goals from League One and League Two. Plus, a round-up of the main talking points.
10.25 Greatest Ever Sitcoms. Mel Giedroyc narrates a countdown of the nation's 50 best-loved TV comedies, as voted for by Channel 5 viewers in an online poll. (R)
1.15 SuperCasino. 3.10 Transporter: The Series. 4.00 Police Interceptors Unleashed with Vinnie Jones. (R) **4.50 Make It Big. (R) 5.45 Angels of Jarm. (R)**

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Don't Tell the Bride 8.00 Top Gear: Best of Series 22 9.00 Film: Minority Report (2002) **11.20 Family Guy 1.40 Top Coppers 2.10 People Just Do Nothing 3.10 Young, Welsh and Pretty Skint 3.40 Dead Air 4.00 Close**
BBC Four
7.00 Lost Land of the Volcano 8.00 Sicily Unpacked 9.00 The Young Montalbano 10.50 Top of the Pops: 1979 - Big Hits 11.50 Status Quo: Live and Acoustic 12.50 Sounds of the Eighties 1.15 Sicily Unpacked 2.15 Lost Land of the Volcano 3.15 Sounds of the Eighties 3.40 Close
ITV2
11.20 Take Me Out 12.30 The X Factor: Cheryl's Classic Cuts 1.30 You've Been Framed! 2.00 Film: Kangaroo Jack (2003) **3.45 Film: The Shaggy Dog** (2006) **5.40 The X Factor: Olly & Caroline's Top 10 6.45 Film: Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous** (2005) **9.00 Film: Knocked Out** (2007) **11.40 Film: The Matrix Revolutions** (2003) **2.05 Face Reaction 2.40 Teleshopping 5.40 ITV2 Nightscreen**
ITV3
11.55 Wycliffe 1.00 A Touch of Frost 3.05 Film: Holiday on the Buses (1973) **4.55 Film: Columbo: It's All in the Game** (1993) **7.00 Doc Martin 8.00 Lewis 10.00 Agatha Christie's Marple 12.00 Wire in the Blood 1.30 On the Buses 2.00 ITV3 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping**
ITV4
1.40 Storage Wars 2.10 Film: Spartacus (1960) **6.00 World Series of Darts: Sydney 9.30 Storage Wars 10.00 Cycling 11.00 Film: Air America** (1990) **1.20 Hogan's Heroes 1.50 Cycling 2.40 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping**
E4
11.00 Baby Daddy 12.00 Made in Chelsea LA 1.00 Melissa & Joey 2.00 The Goldbears 3.00 How I Met Your Mother 4.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 4.30 The Big Bang Theory: Access All Areas 5.00 The Big Bang Theory: It All Started with a Big Bang 5.30 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Film: Get Him to the Greek (2010) **11.10 Gogglebox 1.20 Rude Tube 2.20 How I Met Your Mother 3.05 2 Broke Girls 3.30 The Cleveland Show 4.15 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 4.40 Revenge**
Film4
11.00 Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (2011) **1.00 Rat Race** (2001) **3.10 Film: Get Him to the Greek** (2010) **5.00 Casper** (1995) **7.00 Evolution** (2001) **9.00 Shutter Island** (2010) **11.40 Lesson of the Evil** (2012) **2.15 Underworld: Awakening** (2012) **4.00 Close**

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Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall

Big Blue Live (BBC1, 7pm)

New series. Matt Baker, Liz Bonnin and Steve Backshall present a three-part series observing the wide variety of sea creatures that gather in California's Monterey Bay, including many endangered species. Liz discovers why the area attracts so many animals, Steve goes in search of humpback whales and Matt watches a shoal of 25,000 sardines. Plus, Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall investigates the conservation of endangered species, and looks at the history of whaling. Featuring contributions from scientists working at local research centres.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 7.40 Match of the Day. (R) **9.00 BBC News.** 10.00 Sunday Morning Live. 11.00 Bargain Hunt. (R) **12.00 BBC News; Weather.** 12.10 Live Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix. Coverage from the Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.30 Escape to the Country.** (R) **4.00 The Great British Bake Off.** (R) **5.00 Songs of Praise.** 5.35 BBC News. 5.50 Regional Programme.

6.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Anita Rani visit Powis castle, taking a tour of the gardens and finding out about a locally brewed beer made with honey. Matt also climbs 40 feet in the air to prune Britain's biggest yew hedge, while Anita meets volunteers delivering locally grown fruit and vegetables, including Weather for the Week Ahead.

7.00 Big Blue Live. New series. Matt Baker, Liz Bonnin and Steve Backshall present a three-part series observing the wide variety of sea creatures that gather in California's Monterey Bay, including many endangered species. Liz discovers why the area attracts so many animals, Steve goes in search of humpback whales and Matt watches a shoal of 25,000 sardines. Plus, Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall investigates the conservation of endangered species, and looks at the history of whaling. Featuring contributions from scientists working at local research centres.

8.00 Casualty. Part two of two. Max and Zoe's wedding day arrives, but someone has developed cold feet. Medical drama, starring Jamie Davis and Sumetra Sarker.

9.00 Partners in Crime. Part two of three. Tommy and Tuppence feel certain they have identified the spy – only for their prime suspect to turn up dead. They both have different ideas about who killed him.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action, featuring West Bromwich Albion v Chelsea, Everton v Manchester City and Watford v Southampton.

11.40 Film: Eurotrip. (2004) Comedy, starring Scott Mechlowicz.

1.10 Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.15 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 The Instant Gardener. (R) **6.45 The Instant Gardener.** (R) **7.30 Countryfile.** (R) **8.30 Gardeners' World.** (R) **9.00 The Beechgrove Garden.** 9.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.00 Live Athletics: World Championships. 3.00 Live Triathlon. 4.15 Equestrian: European Jumping Championships. 5.15 Triathlon.

6.00 Rugby Union. France v England. Highlights of the Test match at the Stade de France, as the sides continued their preparations for next month's World Cup. (R)

7.00 Athletics: World Championships Highlights. Gabby Logan presents action from the second day at the Bird's Nest Stadium in Beijing, including the conclusion of the heptathlon and the 100m final.

8.00 Dragons' Den. The panel considers a business proposal involving vegetables in disguise, and is asked by a scientist to help him demonstrate his plans by mixing up a strange concoction.

9.00 Odyssey. Peter finally makes contact with Yusuf Qasim while Ruby is forced to come to terms with the fact that her mission is not yet complete.

9.45 Country Strife: Abz on the Farm. The couple's plans seem doomed when their mortgage falls through. They get back on track by buying a smallholding at auction, but find their new home has plenty of problems.

10.15 Family Guy. Meg convinces Brian to take her SATs for her, but when she receives poor exam results everyone begins to question how smart the dog really is.

10.35 Family Guy. Peter takes up smoking, and is quickly approached by an advertising executive to be the face of a new campaign – for an anti-smoking group.

11.00 Family Guy. Peter and his friends fight to save their favourite booth in the Drunken Clam after it is claimed by another group of men.

11.20 Film: The Ring. (2002) A journalist investigates teenage deaths linked to a videotape, which is rumoured to cause the demise of anyone who watches it. Horror remake, with Naomi Watts and Martin Henderson.

1.05 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.00 Sir Stanley Matthews: The Wizard of Wembley.** (R) **2.30 Live Athletics: World Championships.** 4.30 This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.25 Pat & Stan.** (R) **6.35 Dino Dan.** (R) **6.45 Dino Dan.** (R) **7.00 Animals.** (R) **7.05 Animals.** (R) **7.15 Sooty.** (R) **7.30 Super 4.** (R) **7.45 Fish Hooks.** 8.00 Young Justice: Invasion. (R) **8.25 ITV News.** 8.30 Weekend. 9.25 Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** (R) **11.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** (R) **12.25 ITV News; Weather.** 12.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **1.40 Film: Smokey and the Bandit II.** (1980) Road comedy, starring Burt Reynolds. 3.35 Film: The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement. (2004) Family comedy sequel, starring Anne Hathaway. 5.45 Catchphrase.

6.25 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Animal Mums. New series. Nature documentary revealing how animals cope with the demands of raising their offspring. The first episode features gorillas, rhinos, highland cows and newborn lambs.

8.00 Midsomer Murders. The launch of the latest sparkling wine by Midsomer Vine Wine falls flat when critic Nadia Simons gives it a scathing review, then guests sampling the vintage start to collapse. Owner William Carnarvon suspects the Farmers' Wives Association of trying to destroy his business, while his wife Diana frets over her mother Matilda, one of the victims.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 Man and Beast with Martin Clunes. Part two of two. The actor meets dog owners in Tokyo, learns the truth behind snake-charming in Nepal and finds out how birds are used for gambling in Thailand. (R)

11.15 56 Up. Continuing the 2012 update in the landmark documentary series, following the stories of a group of participants whose lives have been chronicled since 1964. (R)

12.15 Jackpot247. 3.00 Motorsport UK. 3.50 ITV Nightscreen. 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.20 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.45 How I Met Your Mother.** (R) **7.10 The Chateau Impney Hill Climbs.** 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30 Frasier.** (R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch.** 12.30 Amazing Spaces: Shred of the Year 2015. (R) **1.30 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **1.55 The Simpsons.** (R) **2.25 The Simpsons.** (R) **2.55 The Simpsons.** (R) **3.25 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent.** (R) **4.30 Location, Location, Location.** (R) **5.35 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away.**

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Return of the Black Death: Secret History. One of the most devastating pandemics in human history, the Black Death swept through London in 1348, killing old and young, rich and poor, within days of their first symptoms. Received wisdom has long suggested the culprit was bubonic plague, spread by the fleas of infected rats, and an unexpected discovery made by Crossrail engineers working on a shaft on the edge of London's Charterhouse Square in 2013 provides a new insight into how the disease passed from host to host. This documentary follows experts from a range of disciplines as they pick through the evidence, reveal why the disease killed on such a large scale, and discuss how it still poses a threat today. (R)

8.00 Time Crashers. New series. Tony Robinson presents a show in which 10 celebrities experience life in different eras. In the first episode, they must work as servants in an Elizabethan manor house.

9.00 Film: Les Misérables. (2012) Premiere. A former prisoner tries to lead an honest life in post-revolutionary France, despite being pursued everywhere by a fanatical police inspector. He promises a poverty-stricken factory worker that he will raise her child, a relationship that gives his life new meaning, but both of them are drawn into an uprising against the reinstated monarchy. Musical, starring Hugh Jackman and Anne Hathaway.

12.10 Film: Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps. (2010) 2.25 Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.35 Jamie's Money Saving Meals.** (R) **5.00 Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb.** (R) **5.55 How I Met Your Mother.** (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05 Bananas in Pyjamas.** **6.15 Milkshake!** Monkey. (R) **6.20 Pip Ahoy!** (R) **6.35 The Mr Men Show.** (R) **6.45 Chloe's Closet.** (R) **7.00 Make Way for Noddy.** (R) **7.10 Paw Patrol.** 7.25 Little Princess. (R) **7.40 Wanda and the Alien.** (R) **7.50 Zack and Quack.** 8.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.15 Jelly Jamm.** (R) **8.30 LazyTown.** (R) **8.55 Dora and Friends.** (R) **9.25 SpongeBob SquarePants.** **10.00 Football League Tonight.** (R) **11.30 Police Interceptors.** (R) **12.25 Police Interceptors.** (R) **1.20 Film: Michael.** (1996) Fantasy comedy, starring John Travolta and Andie MacDowell. Edited for language and violence. **3.20 Film: Pete's Dragon.** (1977) Musical fantasy, starring Jim Dale. **5.25 Film: The Sword in the Stone.** (1963) Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Rickie Sorenson.

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v Australia. Action from the fourth day of the series-concluding Fifth Test, which comes from the Oval. Presented by Mark Nicholas, who also commentates alongside Michael Vaughan, Geoffrey Boycott and Simon Hughes.

7.55 5 News Weekend.

8.00 Police Interceptors Unleashed with Vinnie Jones. Officers take on a crook who has devised a crafty scheme to get something for nothing, while PC Barry Peach is confronted by a foul-mouthed pensioner. The teams also try to catch a pair of four-legged runaways heading in the direction of a busy motorway. Vinnie Jones presents.

9.00 Film: Snitch. (2013) Premiere. A man learns his estranged son is facing 10 years in prison for a crime he did not commit, so makes a deal with the authorities. In return for the charges being dropped, he will go undercover as an informant in a drug trafficking operation, putting his life on the line to bring the cartel down. Crime thriller, starring Dwayne Johnson and Susan Sarandon.

11.15 Film: Fight Club. (1999) A disillusioned office worker and his mysterious friend start a club where frustrated men vent their anger in bare-knuckle fighting. Drama, starring Brad Pitt and Edward Norton.

1.50 SuperCasino. 3.10 Under the Dome. (R) **4.00 House Doctor.** (R) **4.25 Make It Big.** (R) **5.45 Angels of Jarm.** (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Formula 1: The Belgian Grand Prix – Highlights **8.00 Top Gear** **9.00 Film:** Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (2010) **10.50 Top Coppers** **11.20 Family Guy** **12.05 American Dad!** **12.25 Family Guy** **12.45 Top Coppers** **1.15 Don't Tell the Bride** **2.15 Dead Air** **2.35 Film:** Old Dogs (2009) **4.00 Close**

BBC Four
7.00 BBC Proms Sunday Symphony **8.05 When Worsley Met Roy:** Sir Roy Strong at **8.05 Darcy Russell's Looking for Audrey** **10.05 Sinatra:** All or Nothing at All **12.05 Juliette Binoche:** Antigone at the Barbican **1.35 When Worsley Met Roy:** Sir Roy Strong at **8.25 Andrew Marr on Churchill:** Blood, Sweat and Oil **Paint** **3.15 Close**

ITV2
11.50 Take Me Out **1.20 The X Factor:** Oily & Caroline's Top 10 **2.20 Film:** Homebound Bound II: Lost in San Francisco (1996) **4.10 You've Been Framed!** **10.15 The X Factor:** Nick & Rita's Top 10 **11.15 Film:** Hulk (2003) **9.00 Film:** The Holiday (2006) **11.40 Safeword** **12.30 Film:** Romy and Michele's High School Reunion (1997) **2.15 Teleshopping** **5.45 ITV2** **Nightscreen**

ITV3
11.30 Agatha Christie's Marple **3.35 A Touch of Frost** **5.40 Inspector Morse** **8.00 Cornwall** with Caroline Quentin **8.30 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs** **9.00 The Mighty Mississippi** with Trevor McDonald **10.00 Birds of a Feather** **10.35 Northern Lights** **11.35 Agatha Christie's Marple** **1.30 Blue Murder** **2.45 On the Buses** **3.10 ITV3 Nightscreen**

ITV4
6.10 Football's Greatest: Lionel Messi **6.30 Pavarotti** **7.00 Cycling** **8.00 Premiership Rugby** **7.5 Series** **9.00 Film:** Mercury Rising (1998) **11.15 Film:** Daylight (1996) **1.30 Highway Patrol** **2.00 Cycling** **3.00 Teleshopping**

E4
12.25 Couples Come Dine with Me **2.30 Bad(ish) Robots** **3.35 The Goldbergs** **4.30 Film:** Turner & Hooch (1989) **6.35 The Big Bang Theory** **9.00 Rude Tube** **10.00 Gogglebox** **12.10 Tattoo Fixers** **1.15 Young, Free & Single** **2.20 Rules of Engagement** **3.25 Hollyoaks**

Film4
11.00 Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (2012) **1.00 Big Miracle** (2012) **3.05 Tooth Fairy** (2010) **5.10 Gulliver's Travels** (2010) **6.45 The Women** (2008) **9.00 Warm Bodies** (2013) **10.55 Sinister** (2012) **1.05 Don't Look Now** (1973)

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5.45pm The Jungle Body - KONGA | 6.30pm Zumba studio 1 with Suzanne
6.30pm Zumba studio 2 with Emma
7.45pm KS Extreme

Tuesday

0945 Zumba | 2pm zumbini
Tues 6.15 Elite circuits | 6.30 metalfit
7.10 Zumba burst | 7.10 Zumba step

Wednesday

0945 Pilates | 6pm KS Extreme
6.15pm Fitsteps | 6.30pm Step
7.15pm Fitness Pilates
7.45pm The Jungle Body - KONGA

Thursday

0930 aerobics
6.30pm Insanity | 6.30pm Zumba
7.45pm Circuits | 7.45pm Yoga

Friday

0945 Zumba | 6.30pm Zumba

Saturday

0915 metalfit
1000 The Jungle Body - KONGA

Sunday

0930 Zumba

SEDGLEY HEALTH FACTORY

Monday

6.15pm Zumba step
7.05pm The Jungle Body - Konga

Tuesday

1000am Aerobics and Tone
6pm KS Extreme
6.40pm Zumba
7.45pm Pilates

Wednesday

2pm Zumbini - term time
6.15pm Zumba
7.20pm Insanity

Thursday

0945am Pilates
6.35pm The Jungle Body - Konga

Friday

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Saturday

0915 KS Extreme
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Sunday

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Profile for Murder, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A criminal profiler retires to live in California with her family and move on from the horrific crime that ended her career. Her idyllic life is shattered when she discovers the serial killer responsible has escaped from prison and is intent on terrorising her. Thriller, starring Nicki Aycox and Steve Bacic. (2013)

TUESDAY
Deadly Suspicion, Channel 5, 3.20pm
The estranged members of the Darville family are reunited when their patriarch, a prominent politician, is murdered. However, one of them is missing - an unstable daughter who was abandoned in a mental institution years before. When news reaches them that she escaped on the night of the killing, they realise she could be the culprit - and they could be next. Thriller, starring Marilu Henner. (2008)



Gone Baby Gone, Friday, BBC1, 11.35pm

WEDNESDAY
Obsessed, BBC1, 11.35pm
An executive with a successful job and a happy family life finds his world crumbling around him when a temporary worker is assigned to his office. The new arrival becomes fixated on him, going to desperate lengths to seduce him. Thriller, starring Idris Elba, Beyonce Knowles and Ali Larter. (2009)

THURSDAY
Deadly Daycare, Channel 5, 3.20pm
A divorcee suspects a daycare centre of mistreating her young daughter. When the girl's increasingly awkward behaviour arouses suspicion, the mother plants a hidden camera on the premises. Thriller, with Kayla Ewell. (2014)

FRIDAY
Gone Baby Gone, BBC1, 11.35pm
A tough Boston neighbourhood becomes the centre of a media circus when a four-year-old girl goes missing. A private detective is reluctantly drawn into the case when the child's aunt hires him to find her, and while investigating around the area where he grew up, he uncovers secrets and deceit surrounding the disappearance. Drama, with Casey Affleck. (2007)

Katie and guests hit all the right notes

Apparently, just as a performance is about to begin, acclaimed British double bassist Chi-Chi Nwanoku feels as if she's taking her marks at the starting blocks on an athletics track.

Then, when the conductor's baton comes down, Nwanoku is straight out of the blocks, working towards the finishing line.

Actually, this admission from the London-based musician of Nigerian and Irish descent isn't that surprising, because from the age of eight, Chi-Chi was destined for an international career as a 100-metre sprinter.

At 16, she narrowly missed qualifying for the 1972 Munich Olympics, and two years later was on track for the next Games in Montreal.

Then disaster struck – a knee injury meant that she could never again compete at a national level. Devastated, she returned to school, and thankfully discovered that fate had something positive in store for her – music.

Nowadays, Nwanoku is established as principal bass with the Orchestra of

the Age of Enlightenment, as well as being a chamber-music performer and professor of double-bass studies at London's Trinity College of Music.

She is also the host of a weekly requests programme on BBC Radio 3 and was a jury member of BBC2's Classical Star.

Tonight, she joins Katie Derham for this week's jam-packed edition of weekly magazine show Proms Extra.

The pair will be joined by baritone Roderick Williams, who may be feeling a little sleepy after performing Bach's much-loved Magnificat, Mass in G minor and Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 alongside the BBC Singers and the Academy of Ancient Music during last night's Late Night Prom at the Royal Albert Hall.

Williams will also be looking forward to his next Proms appearance on September 11 when he is taking to the stage alongside conductor Sir Simon Rattle and the Vienna Philharmonic to sing part of Elgar's intoxicating The Dream of Gerontius.

Among the other Proms highlights up for discussion tonight are Bach's solo

violin works, which were performed so memorably by violinist Alina Ibragimova at the end of July.

Katie, Chi-Chi and Roderick also look back on the National Youth Orchestra's annual visit to the Proms a fortnight ago where they focused on Mahler's bitterly beautiful Ninth Symphony.

Their concert also opened with the world premiere of Tansy Davies's Re-greening, a celebration of spring written specially as a complement to Mahler's aforementioned work.

Finally, there is footage and discussion of Daniel Barenboim's West-Eastern Divan Orchestra, who performed at the Albert Hall on Tuesday in a concert that was broadcast last night on BBC4.

Barenboim took to the piano to play a trio of challenging pieces – Beethoven's Triple Concerto, Schoenberg's Chamber Symphony and Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony.

And if all that wasn't enough, David Owen Norris once again gets 'Inside the Score' – delving deeper into the some of the music heard at the 121st season of the Proms.



Katie Derham features in Proms Extra 2015, Saturday, BBC2, 7pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Travel Guides
ITV, 9pm
The tourists stay closer to home as they sample what the Lake District has to offer. The Boyles from Dorset are amazed by the jaw-dropping scenery, but soon question if a small caravan is enough to accommodate their lively brood of kids, while a trip to Keswick pencil museum does nothing to convince Honor Chapman-Blackwell and her boyfriend Jonjo of the area's charms. Simon and Jayne Brearley face a battle persuading son Ben of the pleasures of hiking up a hill, while a trip to a local climbing centre nearly spells disaster for model Riah. Last in the series.

Muslim Drag Queens
Channel 4, 10pm
Ian McKellen narrates this First Cut documentary providing unprecedented insight into the UK's clandestine gay Asian community, which provides a vital lifeline and haven for young men who are unable to publicly reconcile their sexuality with their cultural identity and traditions. The film focuses on the stories of three of the 100 to 150 Muslim drag queens who face the seemingly insurmountable challenge of gaining acceptance and tolerance within their own communities.

TUESDAY
New Tricks
BBC1, 9pm
Ted leads an investigation into the apparent suicide of a city trader who was embroiled in the cut-throat world of London's financial district in the 1980s. As the team delve deeper into the macho fraternity of 'The Wolfpack', they find a darker side to the debauchery, secret hand signals and all-nighters that bonded the traders together - including a strict hierarchy that might be worth killing for. Meanwhile, Steve tries to learn some tricks of the trade, amid his own financial crisis.

WEDNESDAY
Witnesses
Channel 4, 10pm
Kaz Gorbier is now in police custody, seemingly removing the immediate threat, but the mystery of who has been placing the exhumed bodies in various show-homes remains unsolved. Paul and Sandra push their abilities to the limit as they work to achieve closure, and as their investigation draws closer to its conclusion, dark secrets from Le TrEport's

past begin to resurface - with devastating consequences.

THURSDAY
Stephen Fry's Central America
ITV, 9pm

It's seven years since Stephen Fry embarked on an epic trip to each of the USA's 50 states for the BBC. Frankly, it was a bit of a rushed job, with some destinations appearing for just a few moments each. Hopefully, this tour will be a little more in-depth. This time, as the title has already revealed to you, he is sampling the delights available south of the border, beginning with a trip to Mexico. Stephen starts on the Sante Bridge, which separates El Paso in Texas from Ciudad Juarez, an important transit point for drug cartels - and a place regarded as one of Mexico's most dangerous cities. En route

to Chihuahua, he meets some of the area's cowboys.

FRIDAY
Ripper Street
BBC1, 9pm
Long Susan has convinced the world her solicitor Capshaw shot Reid and was solely responsible for the train crash, and while the inspector remains in a coma Drake and Jackson struggle to cope. Meanwhile, a destructive gang of youths unleashes hell upon the streets by night, murdering a pub landlord. The trail leads detectives into the heartland of one of the city's oldest trades - the London Breweries - where conflicted loyalties reign and grief and anger create a potent concoction.

BBQ Champ
ITV, 9pm
Myleene Klass turns up the heat as the competition reaches its mouth-watering finale, and you have to hand it to her - it must have taken a phenomenal amount of effort to remain so slim while being surrounded by a seemingly endless array of tasty treats. She faces temptation one last time tonight, as the four remaining contestants pull out all the stops in the battle to be crowned BBQ Champ 2015, and take home a cash prize of £25,000.

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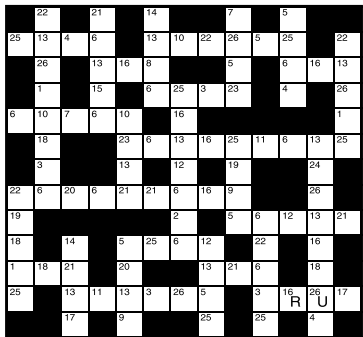
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Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

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| 10. Case for barrister's clothing (7) | 4. Feels the absence of the girls (6) |
| 12. Screen idol on the decline? (7-4) | 5. One with a big bill could be in place (7) |
| 14. Sorts out the confusion and submits a requisition (4,2,5) | 8. They refuse to permit flags (7) |
| 18. See 19 Across | 11. See 22 Across (7) |
| 19 & 18Ac. He's expected to disclose liquid assets (5-7) | 13. Peculiar piece of bric-a-brac given to us (7) |
| 21 & 7Ac. The telling phrases of the boxing reporter? (5,5) | 15. Change over a power regulator (6) |
| 22, 6Ac & 11Dn. Do his schemes have urbane rusticity? (4,3,7,7) | 16. She's embraced by Pamela in ecstasy (6) |
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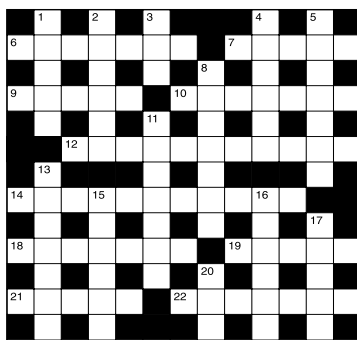
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13. Silence! (2,5)
15. Coaches (6)
16. Election (6)
17. Creature (5)
20. Charge (3)

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:

CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Wine-taster; 7 Inner; 8 New leaf; 10 Hastened; 11 Fair; 13 Racial; 15 Violet; 17 Wool; 18 Mirthful; 21 Lie down; 22 Rolls; 23 Daisy chain. Down: 1 Wants; 2 Norseman; 3 Tender; 4 Sawm; 5 Eyeball; 6 Withdrawal; 9 First-class; 12 Victoria; 14 Cholera; 16 Picnic; 19 Felon; 20 Tots. QUICK - Across: 1 Conscience; 7 Exact; 8 Mariner; 10 External; 11 Ramp; 13 Renown; 15 Meaner; 17 Both; 18 Constant; 21 Emblems; 22 Bravo; 23 Despondent. Down: 1 Chart; 2 Nut-brown; 3 Combat; 4 Earn; 5 Contain; 6 Penetrable; 9 Reparation; 12 Feasible; 14 Notable; 16 Poison; 19 Apart; 20 Help.

Thinking space

Quiz

1. What was the nickname of jazz pianist Ferdinand Morton?
2. What was the imaginary flying island in Gulliver's Travels?
3. Who are the feuding families in Romeo and Juliet?
4. What is a Sam Browne?
5. What was the nickname of Louis Armstrong?
6. What does the Sikh name 'Singh' mean?
7. In which Bavarian village is a famous passion play performed?
8. Which German battleship sunk HMS Hood?
9. In what year was the Reuter news agency founded?
10. What is the professional organisation of British magicians called?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 M; 2 Quasimodo; 3 Helvetia; 4

Grand Canal; 5 R-101; 6 2,400 miles; 7

Cain; 8 Cancer; 9 Excalibur; 10 King George

III

Niner: OUTSPREAD

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

17493 gives an animal,
356698 gives a bird,
423398 gives a fish.

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DRIVETIME

Take a look at the new 208

If you're going to treat yourself to a brand new 65-plate car, why not buy one that's so fresh the paint will barely be dry?

The significantly revised Peugeot 208 is available to order now, ahead of the registration change on September 1, with its arrival in dealerships soon after. It will mark the start of another chapter in the brand's highly successful 'small car' story.

Although an advanced and highly innovative vehicle when it was first launched in 2012, the Peugeot 208 has now been fine-tuned in many key areas.

With a more assertive design and new ultra-efficient Euro 6 engines, the re-invigorated model boasts a much enhanced specification, with extra safety equipment and desirable new comfort and convenience features – all the right ingredients for today's discerning customer.

The 208's new front end creates a sharper and more precise line, with a wider grille and deeper chrome finish that is now fully integrated.

At the rear, the LED light clusters have been redesigned to incorporate Peugeot's signature 3D 'claws' motif. Enhancements include exclusive new 16 and 17in wheel options, available in a choice of painted, diamante and laser-engraved finishes.

A palette of 13 vibrant colours means there's something for everyone, including a world-first technology for a production vehicle of 'textured paint'. It illustrates perfectly the sophistication and premium styling that enhances the entire Peugeot range.

Personalisation option packs – two interior and two exterior – are now also part of the 208 range, each available in either Menthol White or Lime Yellow. These striking additions to the 208's elegant style are a factory-fit option from Active trim level and



in combination with the other design enhancements, they're indicative of Peugeot's continued move upmarket.

Key to the appeal of the new 208 is its efficient engine range. The Brand's critically acclaimed BlueHDi technology is the most effective emission control system on the market today and means every diesel 208 has CO2 emissions of below 95g/km.

Expected to prove popular and now available to order is the 1.6-litre 75 S&S diesel engine, mated to a five-speed manual gear-

box. It's capable of an astonishing 94.2 mpg on the combined cycle – a segment record – with CO2 emissions of just 79 g/km.

Petrol engines remain a popular choice with retail customers and the revised line-up promises high mileage and low running costs.

New PureTech three-cylinder units – either 1.0-litre 68hp or 1.2-litre 82hp – are both now available in the 208.

The new 208 is available in three and five-door body styles and comes in four

trim levels: Access A/C, Active, Allure and GT Line. The latter is a new addition to the range and, following the lead of the larger 308, adopts many of the styling attributes of the GTi.

For a more performance-oriented body style, GTi, GTi Prestige and 'GTi by Peugeot Sport' are available as three-door variants. The latter builds on the success of the 208 GTi 30th, the most exclusive and radical GTi the company has created. With unique badging, it features a lowered ride height, wider tracks, Torsen-differential, 18in wheels, matt black exterior features and sports seats.

The list of new equipment on the 208 is headed by Active City Brake, which makes it possible to avoid an accident or reduce its seriousness, in urban conditions, at speeds of less than 20mph.

Options

Park Assist and a reversing camera are available as a combined option from the Allure trim level too.

All versions of the 208 now come with manual air conditioning and Bluetooth connectivity as standard.

Prices for the new Peugeot 208 start from £11,695, with the most popular Active and Allure models priced from £12,495 and £14,195 respectively.

Why not pay using Peugeot's innovative Just Add Fuel finance offer? You can have a 208 Active three-door PureTech 68 from as little as £149 PCM. The offer currently includes free Active City Brake, visibility pack and reversing camera. Or, for just £179 PCM, you can opt for the 208 Allure five-door PureTech 82, which includes Active City Brake, reversing camera and satellite navigation as standard.

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Honda's revised Jazz and new HR-V

Honda's got a lot to look at for new registration and two of the latest in the pack are the new HR-V and revised Jazz.

The all-new Jazz builds on the strong reputation of its highly successful predecessors. The newcomer retains the classic Jazz silhouette yet has distinctive contemporary styling, including a powerful new face and strong character lines.

A new platform increases overall length by 95 mm, but highly efficient packaging means that the latest Jazz is proportionally even bigger on the inside than the previous generation model. Occupants will benefit from both boot space and passenger space that are unrivalled in the class. The all-new Jazz offers exceptional versatility, retaining Honda's highly practical Magic Seat system which allows for numerous cargo configurations.

Specifications are generous across the range, with base-grade S models fitted as standard with convenience features such as air conditioning, cruise control with speed limiter and dusk sensing auto lights. Every grade comes with Honda's City-Brake Active to help avoid low-speed accidents.

The mid-grade SE model, priced from £14,595, adds front and rear parking sensors, electrically adjustable and heated door mirrors and 15" alloy wheels. Honda's Driver Assistance Safety Pack is also included, giving owners the extra reassurance of five advanced active safety aids.

Those opting for the top-grade EX model (from £15,715) will appreciate smart entry and start, automatic climate control and six-speaker audio upgrade. Styling is enhanced with 16-inch alloy wheels and front fog lamps.

Access

Customers opting for the SE or EX models will also benefit from the Honda Connect in-car infotainment system as standard. This Android-based system features an app-based 'pinch, swipe and tap' interface accessed on a seven-inch touchscreen in the centre of the dash.

Honda Connect comes with pre-installed apps, with others available for download from the Honda App Centre. These give rapid access to internet-based services such as web browsing, real-time traffic information, news and weather, social media, and internet music stations.

A new, highly efficient, highly responsive 1.3 litre i-TEC petrol engine from Honda's Earth Dreams Technology series delivers 102 PS at 6,000 rpm. This power unit delivers the sprightly driving performance of the previous Jazz's 1.4 litre engine, together with fuel economy equivalent to its 1.2 litre. Combined with either a six-speed manual gearbox or a newly developed CVT, emissions are as low as 106 g/km of CO₂. The CVT's driveability is given a more natural 'multi-gear' feel through the use of new control software exclusive to Europe which simulates seven speeds and provides optimised gear change mapping.

The subcompact hatchback will be priced from £13,495 on-the-road for the entry-level S model.

The new Honda HR-V subcompact crossover will be priced from £17,995 on-the-road for the entry-level S grade petrol model, rising to £24,945 for the flagship EX diesel.

The all-new HR-V blends characterful coupé looks merged with the tough, solid stance of a robust SUV. Inside, occupants will find class-leading boot space. Thanks to innovative packaging, the HR-V's has exceptional versatility incorporating Honda's highly practical Magic Seats system, allowing for numerous loading configurations.

Buyers opting for the base-grade S model are well catered for, with convenience features such as climate control, cruise control and dusk-sensing automatic headlamps fitted as standard.

The mid-grade SE model adds a range of premium features, including rain sensing wipers, front and rear parking sensors and a six-speaker audio upgrade. A 'Smart Touch' interior includes touch panel controls for the climate control.

The top-grade EX model gets a full leather interior, smart entry and start, and rear-view camera. The sense of HR-V's spaciousness is amplified with the unique-in-class, tilt-and-slide opening panoramic glass sunroof.

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There's a choice of all-new 130 PS 1.5 litre i-TEC petrol and 120 PS 1.6 litre i-TEC diesel engines. Combined with either a six-speed manual gearbox or a newly developed CVT (for petrol models only), emissions are as low as 104 g/km of CO₂.



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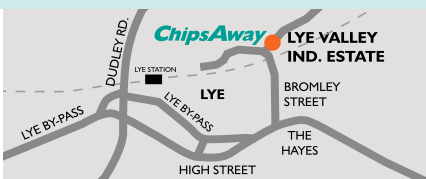
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Test drive new Mazda MX-5

Motorists in the Wolverhampton area could be among the first in the UK to drive the hotly-anticipated all-new Mazda MX-5 sports car at a special test drive launch event during the weekend of August 28-30 at Brindley Mazda on Stafford Road.

Having previewed the all-new Mazda MX-5 for a select group of customers in July, Brindley Mazda is now offering customers the chance to experience the iconic roadster from behind the wheel for the first time.

Looking forward to the test drive launch weekend event, David Gutteridge, dealer principal at Brindley Mazda said: "We can't wait to get customers out on the road in the all-new Mazda MX-5 as we know that the car's spirited drive and clever engineering are sure to put a smile on everyone's face. We're celebrating the launch with some special finance offers, so we expect to see lots of happy customers before the weekend is out!"

Even before its public launch, the new car was named 'Roadster of the Year' by motoring magazine Auto Express in its annual New Car Awards with the magazine praising its modern safety and superb efficiency.

The all-new Mazda MX-5 is a true roadster boasting sports-focused rear-wheel drive, perfect 50:50 weight distribution, superior power-to-weight ratio and a low centre of gravity that boosts driving fun. Also, the new car features Mazda's award-winning SKYACTIV technology that strips-out weight across every area of the vehicle and utilises ultra-efficient lightweight petrol engines to deliver new levels of performance and economy.

Customers driving the new car over the test-drive weekend will appreciate the thrilling driving dynamics, improved level of comfort and standard features such as alloy wheels, LED headlights and a leather-wrapped steering wheel. Those specifying the

range topping 160ps Sport model benefit from additional features such as a Premium Bose sound system, DAB radio, cruise control, 7" Colour touch-screen display, rear parking sensors, heated leather seat trim and sports suspension featuring Bilstein dampers.

Priced from £18,495, Brindley is offering a host of competitive finance offers until 30 September 2015 to give customers complete flexibility. The all-new Mazda MX-5 is available with either 0% APR* Representative finance on Mazda Conditional Sale up to 36-months (with a 50% deposit), 5.9% APR** Representative finance on Mazda Conditional Sale with zero deposit up to 60-months or 5.9% APR** Representative finance on Mazda Personal Contract Purchase with zero deposit up to 42-months.

For more information about the Brindley all-new Mazda MX-5 VIP test drive launch weekend event, visit the Stafford Road showroom, or go to www.brindleymazda.co.uk or call 01902 313152.

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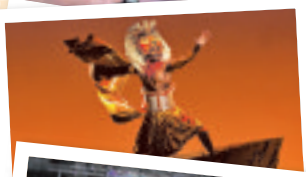
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Wander along the cobbles of Britain's favourite soap plus visit one of Europe's top Christmas markets.

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Everything from fine amber jewellery and handcrafted leather bags, to quality bonsai trees and handmade soaps; french profiteroles and dutch pancakes to spanish paella and hungarian goulash.

The markets, voted as one of the top ten in Europe, are held in several different city centre locations, all with their own theme and distinct character. There is also the main shopping thoroughfare on Market Street with the Arndale Centre, plus a range of specialist boutiques on Cross Street along with Selfridges and Harvey Nichols.

Over 50 years of filming took place at the Old Granada Studios - the former home of Coronation Street before the production moved to its new home at MediaCityUK.

During the tour of Coronation Street a studio guide will share fascinating facts and stories along the way. Step inside the Rovers Return; see a make-up station; a dressing room, plus exclusive props and memorabilia from the Street's long history. Another highlight is the interior sets where key scenes were filmed including Gail Platt's kitchen and the old sitting room of Jack and Vera.

At the end of the tour there is the chance to wander along the cobbles and take some photos outside the Rovers, as well as the houses and shops, as a memento of the day.

INFO

- Return coach travel
- Overnight half-board accommodation
- Visit to the Manchester Christmas markets
- Coronation Street The Tour
- Single rooms subject to availability – supplement applies

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Final round of contest ends in draw for club

IN the final round of Stourbridge Chess Club's Summer tournament, joint leader Jeremy Followfield was unable to play so gained a half point bye.

This meant Julie Wilson also on three and a half points had to win her final game to be the overall winner.

This was no easy task with black against Dave Scriven.

Scriven gained a significant advantage from the opening but failed to capitalise his advantage and with a couple of inaccurate moves he allowed Wilson to go two pawns up.

She then misplayed the bishops of opposite colours endgame and had to settle for a draw.

Meanwhile new junior member Kyle Price played an excellent game against experienced Tony Taylor and should have at least drawn.

The final results are Jeremy Followfield and Julie Wilson joint first on four and the grading prize goes to Jeremy Humphries in third place on three.

Club members and prospective members are invited to sharpen up their play for the forthcoming season at the club's pre-season blitz tournament which will be held on August 26 at 7.30pm at the Stourbridge Institute.

The season proper starts on September 2 when Stourbridge have a match in the Wolverhampton and the first round of the Pittaway cup.

Anyone who is interested in joining Stourbridge chess club or playing in the blitz tournament should contact Dave Scriven on 01384 423642 or visit www.stourbridgechess.f9.co.uk.

Pearce tops the bill on night of fights

STOURBRIDGE boxer, Steven Pearce, headlines Black Country Boxing's latest show at Walsall Town Hall as he warms up for his English Title shot in December.

Pearce is set to challenge current holder, Adam Little, and warms up for his title tilt with a six-round contest.

The Fierce headlines the Walsall show - The Fast & The Fierce - on Saturday, October 3.

Also on the bill are West Bromwich light middleweight, Tom Stokes, Wolverhampton welterweight, Sid Bowater, West Bromwich Heavyweight, Matt Gordon, and West Bromwich super featherweight, Jack Summers.

Tickets, are £30 and £60 ringside and available from Walsall Town Hall Box Office on 0845 111 2900.

Father inspired to become coach



James Ritchie. Pic: Andrew Fosker

A Stourbridge father who was impressed by the coaching his son received at his local rugby club was inspired to take on the role himself.

James Ritchie's was taken with the fantastic coaching his children received at Stourbridge RFC and wanted to give back to the club that had helped his children fall in love with the game.

Ritchie signed up to the QBE Coaching Club and became a Level 2 coach.

After qualifying he has seen a development in his players with his U-13 side recently crowned North Midlands Cham-

pions. James said, "I think it is great that QBE Insurance has focused on improving the quality of coaching in grassroots rugby."

"My children were lucky enough to have some fantastic coaches when they were first starting to play the game."

"The QBE Coaching Club is a brilliant way of ensuring that all children around the country are as lucky as my own, and receive fantastic coaching."

QBE Insurance with the Rugby Football Union (RFU) started an initiative to recruit and train 2,015 new Level 2

rugby coaches. The programme was established to ensure the game in England has enough quality coaches to welcome new players and encourage them to stay with the sport.

England Head Coach, Stuart Lancaster said: "The 2,015 new QBE coaches will have a fundamental impact on grassroots rugby in this country."

"It's a fantastic initiative and an incredible legacy to leave."

RFU Rugby Development Director Steve Grainger said: "This is such an exciting year for rugby."

Stourbridge fall to a determined side

Stourbridge 1st XI 201-8 Halesowen 1st XI 203-2Halesowen win by 20 points
HALESOWEN 1st XI produced a convincing victory against Stourbridge 1st XI to seal the bragging rights.

Hopes were high as Stour posted their second consecutive double hundred having put in to bat first.

But the conditions favoured Halesowen as any venom that may have been around in the pitch dried out after the previous day's deluge

Stour's opening pair Alex Bingham and Steve Game gave their side a sound base putting on 52 off 14 overs.

Game was first to go LBW to first change bowler Faisal Shahid for 23.

The first wicket opened up the flood gates for Halesowen capturing six wickets for 137 runs in the 32nd over.

The key wicket of Alex Bingham (55) who batted for 2 hours 10 minutes fell to spinner Masharrat Shazad in the 31st over.

Rocked

But it was skipper Richard Brooker who rocked the Stour innings taking four wickets for 47 off his 10 over spell.

He cut short a promising innings of Audy Alexander for 26 caught once again attempting to regain the Stour momentum. Nabeel Ali (3), Aiden Avey (18) stayed with Jitesh Jivan-Patel not out for 37 for the final 18 overs to set Stour a decent target.

Skipper Matt Bradley tried out seven bowlers including bowling five overs himself despite being injured. The eighth bowler, Alex Bingham, bowled the final over and had Kester Mosely LBW for 63 and summed up Stour's plight.

Stour's bowlers struggled to remove Halesowen pro Edward Kilbee who batted through the 44 overs for his 109 off 139 balls.

Second wicket partnership of 161 between Kilbee and Mosely off 33 overs left Stour in dire straits. The defeat leaves Stour 19 points adrift of Brewood in third position from bottom and safe from relegation down to Division three of the Birmingham and District league.

Eastnor remain rooted at the bottom of Division two and will play away at Stourbridge on 29th August.

Stourbridge are away to Tamworth next.

Young Himley side is country's best



Himley's triumphant under-15s all smiles as they celebrate their stunning success in the ECB T20 competition

IT'S official. Himley's Under-15s are the best in Britain.

The talented teenagers have made club history by winning the ECB National T20 competition.

After progressing through local and regional rounds, Himley claimed finals day glory on a day to remember at Oundle School.

A semi-final success over South Wiltshire booked a shot at silverware against a much-fancied Alderley Edge outfit.

But the boys from the Black Country, under the guidance of coach Tony Lea, dug deep in a low-scoring affair to be crowned champions – the first time in the club's history that one of their team's has held a national title.

"It was an absolutely brilliant day and I am so proud of the lads,"

said Himley chairman and team manager Gordon Lewis. Not for the first time in the competition, Himley out-bowled and out-fielded their opponents in two games were runs were hard to come by.

Himley served notice of their prowess with the ball in their last-four clash with South Wiltshire when they comfortably defended a score of 124.

Jordan Whitehouse had shone with bat with an unbeaten half-century, with Chad Brandrick offering support with 29, before the bowlers took centre stage to dismiss South Wiltshire for 70.

Leg-spinner Callum Lea was the pick of the attack with a three-wicket haul while Adam Finch claimed 2-19, Brandrick 2-6 and Arjun Uppal 2-8.

Alderley Edge booked their place in the final with a dramatic win over Surrey outfit Sutton, scoring a boundary off the last ball of the match with nine wickets down.

Himley batted first in the battle to be crowned champions with Lea (50 retired) and Kris Green (25) the main contributors as they were bowled out for 104.

But once again the Himley boys were simply stunning in the field. Lea capped an individual display, picking up another two wickets while Brandrick bagged 3-27. But it was Christian Fellows who took the star role.

Bowling for the first time in the competition, Fellows' swing and seam proved too much for Alderley as he bagged 4-9.

Third defeat sees Tipton put out of FA Cup running

Tipton Town 0 Cadbury Ath 2
TIPTON suffered their third defeat of the new season and exited the FA Cup in disappointing fashion.

A sluggish start was deservedly punished in the opening 90 seconds when lack of concentration allowed Josh Harris-James to put the visitors ahead with a smart reverse shot deceiving exposed Tipton keeper Josh Morgan.

Morgan was forced into heroics time and again to prevent further first half goals but Tipton had chances in the second half through Jordan McGovern and Marvin Whitter before Cadbury settled the tie 15 minutes from time.

A finely constructed counter-attack saw Ryan Spink drive the ball home.

Cadbury endeavoured to build upon this good fortune, Joseph Brookes seeing his speculative drive well held by Morgan with barely six minutes elapsed.

Tipton were finding difficulty in sustaining any great forward movement of note and too often most forward momentum was coming from Cadbury.

Quickly returning to the attack the visitors forced home defender, Horton, to divert Ryan Spink's dangerous low cross before the half closed with Josh Morgan denying Harris-James scoring again for Cadbury.

Tipton began the second period in much more positive a fashion. A finely constructed counter-attack on 75 minutes saw Ryan Spink drive home again to put Cadbury firmly back in the driving seat. Tipton continued to try to salvage something from the game their visitors were having none of it.

Team Dudley struggle with the numbers

Team Dudley 2 Bustlehome 4
TEAM DUDLEY suffered a 4-2 home reverse against Bustleholme in West Midlands Division One after having nine players unavailable for the match.

The visitors took the lead after 15 minutes with a shot on the angle from Matthew Jukes and Adam Wattle's rocket made it 2-0 eight minutes later.

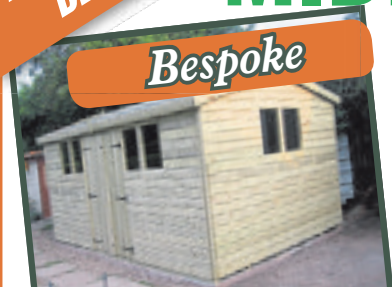
James Messenger got one back on 39 minutes from close range but the Bs restored their cushion two minutes later through Jukes.

Craig Prince gave Team Dudley hope six minutes from time with his first goal for the club, but Bustleholme made sure of the points when Daniel Wood netted two minutes later.

Jordan Langford-Hill had a shot rise just over the bar late on.

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Albion close in on £5m Fazio deal

ALBION hope to complete the £5m signing of Tottenham defender Federico Fazio this week to kick off a hectic finale to the transfer window.

Boss Tony Pulis has predicted lots of business for the Baggies in the final week and a half before the deadline.

And the Welshman hopes to trigger a frantic few days by completing the signing of Argentine centre-back Fazio before the weekend in a move that will raise fresh doubts about Joleon Lescott's future.

The Baggies have all-but agreed terms with Spurs for the transfer of the 28-year-old.

And the club are now attempting to convince the player to make the move to The Hawthorns after just one season at White Hart Lane.

He moved from Sevilla last summer for around £8m, but struggled to make an impact.

Pulis is also close to agreeing a deal with Cardiff to sign Scotland international goalkeeper David Marshall, also for around £5m.

But Lescott's future remains uncertain after he was dropped for Saturday's draw at Watford. Albion have told him they are willing to activate a one-year option now to keep him next season, but Lescott wants a contract extension.

Villa had a £1m offer turned down last month.

Pulis said: "We have lots of business to do and lots of work to do."

"Unfortunately we've not been able to do it yet but we will eventually get there and then we can start working."

"Last season when I came in the main priority was to stay up, but we're hoping this is a season of change."

"People have to be patient in lots of respects because there are going to be new players coming in."

Wolves, Baggies and Saddlers get cup draw dates

WOLVES, Albion, Villa and Walsall have been handed home ties in the Capital One Cup second round.

The draw in full is: VILLA v Notts County, WALSALL v Brighton, Palace v Shrewsbury, Sheff Wed v Oxford, Portsmouth v Reading, Hartlepool v Bournemouth, Fulham v Sheff Utd, MK Dons v Cardiff.

Hull v Rochdale, Sunderland v Exeter, Bury v Leicester, Doncaster v Ipswich, Rotherham v Norwich, Swansea v York, QPR v Carlisle, Barnsley v Everton, Peterborough v Charlton, BIRMINGHAM v Gillingham, Newcastle v Northampton, ALBION v Port Vale, WOLVES v Barnet, Burton v Middlesbrough, Luton v Stoke, Preston v Watford.

Wolves, Albion and Walsall have confirmed they will play their Capital One Cup second-round ties on Tuesday, August 25.

Wolves and Saddlers' games will kick-off at 7.45pm.

Albion's home clash with Port Vale will be an 8pm kick-off.

Villa and Blues have yet to confirm when they will take place.

Contract issues sorted, says Mac

KEVIN McDONALD has said his contract issues are behind him as he concentrates on helping fire Wolves to promotion.

The midfielder is still without a new deal and talks have stalled, leaving the Scot's future undecided.

However the 26-year-old - who missed a pre-season friendly at Burton due to being 'unsettled' - said football had 'taken over'. McDonald said: "It's in the past now, there's nothing really happening, it's one of those things you've got to get on with."

"It's on the back burner and football has taken over which is the main thing."

Football

A contract offer remains on the table, but the two parties are some way off an agreement.

McDonald, who attracted two bids from Fulham earlier in the summer, said he was enjoying his football in what is a new midfield system utilised by Jackett this season.

"The new formation is good, it's like a diamond, and also a kind of 'go where you want' in a way," he said. "You've got a lot more freedom and when we get the ball down and play it's hard for teams to defend."

And of new midfield partner Conor Coady, McDonald added: "I played with him at Sheffield United and I knew what he was like - he brings hard work and a battling side to the team. His ability on the ball goes unnoticed at times I think, he's got quality and he'll be a great signing for us."

Jackett praised McDonald for his commitment to the club and his early-season performances.

The head coach said: "As far as I'm aware the contract is still on the table but there's been no movement."

"But in the meantime he's been really professional, I think he's played very well."

STOUR FIGHT BACK TWICE

Stourbridge 4 Nantwich 3
STOURBRIDGE came from behind twice to claim all three points in a thrilling match at Amblecote against Nantwich Town.

The visitors took the lead after 15 minutes when Glassboys keeper Charlie Price could only punch the ball to Matt Bell, who calmly netted.

But Karl Hawley drew the scores level after 38 minutes when he was first to react to a rebound in the box.

The scores stayed level until four minutes into the second period when the Cheshire side regained the advantage. A corner was only half-cleared and Darren Thornton lobbed the ball over the keeper into the net.

Stourbridge were level almost immediately when Hawley grabbed his second from the edge of the area.

The Glassboys were then awarded a penalty when Matt Dodd was felled in the area on 59 minutes, and he took the kick himself to make it 3-2.

Stourbridge had a two-goal cushion after Kayleden Brown scored, but the home side faced a nervy last few minutes after a Matty Kosylo penalty made it 4-3.

Stourbridge are ninth in the Evo-Stik Premier.

Whitby Town 4 Stourbridge 0

Stourbridge suffered a dreadful journey to North Yorkshire which was compounded further by an equally awful result.

But Glassboys boss Gary Hackett refused to use the nightmare six-and-a-quarter-hour trip as an excuse for the Evo-Stik Premier defeat. Stourbridge went behind after six minutes when Michael Roberts threaded Matthew Walters through and he scored after goalkeeper Charlie Price blocked the initial shot.

Whitby struck again on 53 minutes when Ross Gardner's right wing cross somehow sailed over Price's head into the net.

Eleven minutes later Roberts beat Price in a race for possession and rolled the ball home.

Stourbridge's miserable afternoon was complete on 90 minutes when the ball fell for James Brown to net.

Wolves show best form so far



Isaac Hayden of Hull with Dave Edwards of Wolves during the clash at Molineux

Hull 1 Wolves 1

WOLVES played their best football of the opening three games of the season and carved out enough opportunities to have won two games.

Relegated Hull City, with seasoned Premier League players such as Tom Huddlestone, Michael Dawson and Nikica Jelavic still in their ranks, represent on paper the toughest opposition Wolves will face in the opening two months of the season.

And Wolves more than held their own, only struggling to contain the hugely impressive Chuba Akpom who created several chances for himself.

For this game the head coach called for a better start after some sluggish openings in recent weeks. He also demanded his team defend better.

They did both in spades and also improved in midfield where Jackett's wingless experiment yielded its best football thus far.

James Henry continued where he left off at Blackburn, constantly looking to get Wolves on the front foot, Edwards popped here, there and everywhere in a tireless performance.

The shape still isn't perfect and there were times when it was difficult to say who was playing where. Four points from two tough fixtures is certainly a good start.

Mogridge wants to end run in style

ARRON Mogridge is determined to finish the season in style with some big scoring in Cradley's key reserve spot.

Mogridge piled up the points in last week's Golden Hammer, which pulled in a packed crowd, beating some of the league's top riders along the way.

And with the new averages for September due out soon, he is set to remain at reserve which means he can take extra rides if members of the main body are out of form.

The Hammer was a timely confidence boost for Mogridge as the club prepare for a crucial spell of fixtures, with a trip to King's Lynn on Friday followed by a trip to Coventry on Sunday before they host the Lynn at Perry Barr next Wednesday.

With their battle with co-tenants Birmingham for the National League title heating up, Mogridge knows they need to be on top form as they chase the top spot.

He said: "I rode well in the Golden Hammer, I felt as fast as I have all season and I came away with plenty of confidence."

"I know I can do it, and it was good to show what I could do against some really good riders. I rode sensibly and it was a big step in the right direction."

"It's just a case of starting well and finding some rhythm, which I need to do more and I'll be trying to do over the rest of the season."

"Hopefully I can carry the confidence from that meeting on to my next few and I can manage to end the season strongly."

"Every meeting is obviously very important for us now with Birmingham holding that healthy lead at the top of the table."

"We need everyone on form and we need to pull together as a team, so I'll be trying to make sure I do my bit."

Decisive high-five for Sports squad

Dudley Sports 5 Smethwick 1

DUDLEY Sports came from behind to hammer Smethwick Rangers 5-1 in the West Midlands Premier.

Yusif gave the visitors the lead with a 40th-minute header but Stuart Hillman equalised almost straight away when he slotted the ball under the keeper.

Sports dominated the second half and went in front on 65 minutes when Aaron Gordon's free-kick was deflected past the keeper by a defender.

Shepherd Machingautua made it 3-1 before Lucas Muckley volleyed home for the fourth.

Hillmans grabbed the fifth.

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